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1 [There was no reportable action taken
2 in closed session October 24, 2006.]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE OCTOBER 24TH MEETING OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. WE'LL FIRST BE
8 LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR SHAWN WALDEN OF THE SHEPHERD OF THE
9 HILLS CHURCH IN PORTER RANCH IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.
10 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY ALONZO R. ALLEN, WHO IS A
11 MEMBER OF POST NUMBER 7138, NORWALK, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
12 OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.
13 SO IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE RISE AND, PASTOR?

14

15 **PASTOR SHAWN WALDEN:** LET US BOW TOGETHER. GOD IN HEAVEN,
16 CREATOR OF ALL, WE THANK YOU FOR THESE LEADERS YOU'VE GIVEN TO
17 US. WE PRAY FOR THEM, WE PRAY FOR THIS TIME TOGETHER, THAT YOU
18 WOULD GIVE THEM WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT AND COMMON SENSE AND
19 GOOD JUDGMENT ABOUT WHAT THEY HEAR. HELP US TO KNOW THAT WE
20 NEED THESE CONSTANT BOUNDARIES IN OUR LIVES AND OUR GOVERNMENT
21 OF TRUTH AND OF LOVE AND, IF EVER ONE OF THOSE IS MISSING, WE
22 KNOW THAT DANGER OCCURS AND SO WE PRAY THAT YOU HELP TRUTH TO
23 BE FOUND IN THE DISCUSSIONS, IN THE DECISIONS BUT ALSO LOVE
24 AND GENTLENESS AND COMPASSION TO ALL. GOD, WE PRAY THAT THE
25 WORDS OF OUR MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF OUR HEART WOULD BE



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1 PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT AND WE LIFT UP ALL THOSE WHO ARE
2 SERVING IN LEADERSHIP FROM THE PRESIDENT DOWN TO OUR
3 CONGRESSMEN BEFORE THE SELECTION THAT'S COMING UP IN TWO
4 WEEKS. WE PRAY FOR YOUR HAND IN OUR AFFAIRS TO MAKE WISE
5 DECISIONS, TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR, TO PROMOTE TRUTH WITH
6 TOLERANCE AND FAITH WITHOUT FEAR AND WE PRAY ALL THIS IN YOUR
7 BLESSED NAME. AMEN. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PASTOR SHAWN WALDEN JOINED THE STAFF
10 OF SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHURCH IN PORTER RANCH IN THE YEAR
11 2000, JANUARY OF THAT YEAR. HE HAS-- WAS BORN AND RAISED IN
12 OKLAHOMA CITY WHERE HE HAD A CALLING FOR THE MINISTRY AT THE
13 AGE OF 12. HE OBTAINED HIS BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY FROM MOZART
14 CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, ORDAINED IN THE MINISTRY AT THE ARCOLA
15 CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN MISSOURI, WHERE HE PASTORED FOR 3-1/2
16 YEARS. HE WENT ON TO RECEIVE HIS MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL
17 STUDIES FROM GRACE UNIVERSITY IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HE'S MARRIED
18 AND HE HAS THREE CHILDREN. SO, PASTOR WALDEN, THANK YOU VERY
19 MUCH FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN PRAYER. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE
22 TO WELCOME AND THANK MR. ALONZO ALLEN, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE
23 VETERAN OF FOREIGN WARS, POST 7138 IN THE CITY OF NORWALK. HE
24 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 1977 TO 1981 ABOARD THE
25 U.S.S. SAUGUS. HE HAS RECEIVED THE UNITED STATES NAVY GOOD



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1 CONDUCT MEDAL AND THE NATIONAL SERVICE DEFENSE MEDAL. HE HAS
2 LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 20 YEARS. HE IS MARRIED AND
3 HAS THREE WONDERFUL CHILDREN. SO, ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY
4 COLLEAGUES, WE'D LIKE TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALONZO FOR
5 TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF
6 ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, SET MATTERS. ON
10 ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR
11 MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY,
12 NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY MOLINA, SECONDED,
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
18 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON ITEM 1-D, AS INDICATED ON THE
19 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
20 BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, MOTION BY BURKE, SECONDED.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM
2 7, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR BURKE
3 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION UNTIL
4 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006. AND, ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, WE
5 WILL HOLD THEM FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 10 THROUGH 12.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 13.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 14. AND, ON ITEM 14,
22 HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 15.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ON ITEM 16,
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
4 NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 17 AND 18.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
12 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ON ITEM
15 19, THIS ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR BURKE'S AMENDMENT AS
16 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR
17 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. 19. TREASURER AND
18 TAX COLLECTOR, ON ITEM 20, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
19 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
20 TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE TO CONTINUE. SECONDED.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEMS 21 AND 22.

2 ON ITEM 21, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 22 BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT

5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ON ITEM 23, WE WILL HOLD

8 THIS FOR A REPORT. ON ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A MEMBER

9 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. MISCELLANEOUS,

10 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE

11 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72

12 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN

13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 25-A.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT

16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 25-B.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT

21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 25-C.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
2 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 25-D, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND, ON 25-E, WE
6 WILL HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
7 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY HONORED TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO WAS
13 THE FIRST LADY OF LOS ANGELES FOR A LONG TIME, ETHEL BRADLEY.
14 SHE'S NO STRANGER TO LOS ANGELES. AS THE WIFE OF FORMER MAYOR
15 TOM BRADLEY AND FIRST LADY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, HER
16 HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED. SHE HAS HAD THE
17 HONOR OF HOSTING ROYALTY, INCLUDING THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND, THE
18 EMPEROR OF JAPAN, KING OF JORDAN, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL
19 LEADERS SUCH AS NELSON MANDELA. IN 1978, SHE CO-FOUNDED THE
20 BLACK WOMEN'S FORUM WITH THE LATE RUTH WASHINGTON, PUBLISHER
21 OF THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL MAGAZINE AND THE HONORABLE MAXINE
22 WATERS. THE BLACK WOMEN'S FORUM HAS PROVIDED COMMUNITY-BASED
23 SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
24 PROGRAMS. IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT, THE BLACK WOMEN'S FORUM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN



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1 OPENING THREE CHILDREN'S CENTERS, INCLUDING THE ETHEL BRADLEY
2 CHILDREN'S CENTER AND MAXINE WATERS SKILL CENTER. TODAY, SHE
3 STILL SERVES THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BY HELPING THE LESS
4 FORTUNATE, INSPIRING OTHERS WITH THE TOM AND ETHEL BRADLEY
5 FOUNDATION, FURTHERING MAYOR BRADLEY'S LEGACY OF PROMOTING
6 SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CIVIC HARMONY. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE
7 THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO ETHEL BRADLEY AS A NATIONAL
8 TREASURE, A LIVING LEGEND, A ROLE MODEL FOR ALL OF US AND
9 EXTEND TO HER OUR CONGRATULATIONS AS SHE IS HONORED BY THE
10 GREAT BEGINNINGS FOR BLACK BABIES ON FRIDAY AND SAY TO HER
11 THAT SHE CERTAINLY HAS MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION.

12 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE GOING TO ASK HER TO SAY A WORD AND SHE'S
15 ACCOMPANIED BY LORRAINE BRADLEY AND BY BARBARA WALDEN, THE
16 PERSON WHO HAS HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL COSMETIC BUSINESS AND
17 DEVELOPED NOW A NEW LINE OF COSMETICS THAT THE PROFITS GO TO
18 GREAT BEGINNINGS FOR BLACK BABIES.

19

20 **ETHEL BRADLEY:** THANK YOU, YVONNE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE
21 AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I LEFT OUT SOMETHING. SHE'S THE GREATEST DODGER
24 FAN IN LOS ANGELES. [LAUGHTER]

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1 **ETHEL BRADLEY:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** BARBARA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD? ZEV WANTS
4 TO SAY HELLO.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SAID HELLO.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE
13 TO ASK RICHARD JIMENEZ TO JOIN US UP HERE WITH CHIEF FREEMAN
14 ON WHAT IS GOING TO BE A JOINT PRESENTATION WITH SUPERVISOR
15 MOLINA AND MYSELF. MR. JIMENEZ IS A WHITTIER RESIDENT AND--
16 PARDON ME? JIMENEZ. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OFTENTIMES PEOPLE WHO
17 LIVE IN SMALLER CITIES AND TOWNS AND AROUND THE COUNTRY VIEW
18 THOSE OF US THAT LIVE IN VERY LARGE METROPOLITAN AREAS THAT WE
19 REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT ONE ANOTHER. THIS MORNING, WE'RE HERE
20 TO HONOR A MAN WHOSE CARING AND COURAGEOUS ACTIONS REMIND US
21 ONCE AGAIN THAT PEOPLE CARE HERE AS MUCH AS ANY OTHER PART OF
22 THE COUNTRY, ANY OTHER SMALL TOWN IN AMERICA, AND JUST BEFORE
23 I CALL SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO RECOGNIZE, I WANT TO SAY-- THIS IS
24 IN REGARD TO THE SAFE SURRENDER, AND HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE
25 THAT BUT I JUST GOT A NOTE THAT, THIS MORNING, AT 2:54 A.M.,



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1 WE HAD ANOTHER SAFE SURRENDER AT FIRE STATION 170 IN
2 ENGLEWOOD. THAT IS OUR 12TH SAFE SURRENDER THIS YEAR AND 47TH
3 OVER ALL. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THIS IS QUITE A STORY. IT IS INTERESTING
6 WHAT MR. JIMENEZ HAS DONE AND WE'RE CERTAINLY GRATEFUL TO HIM
7 BECAUSE HE HAD THE COURAGE TO STEP UP. HE HEARD A NOISE BEHIND
8 THE AMERICAN LEGION POST IN PICO RIVERA ON THE MORNING OF
9 SEPTEMBER 15TH. MR. JIMENEZ WAS AT WORK WHEN HE HEARD THE
10 SOUND OF A CAR HORN. HE OPENED THE DOOR AND SAW A WOMAN
11 DRIVING AWAY. HE WAS GOING TO CLOSE THE DOOR BUT HE STOPPED
12 WHEN HE LOOKED AROUND AND SAW THE BABY'S FACE. HE FEARED THE
13 BABY HAD STOPPED BREATHING AND RAN BACK INSIDE TO CALL 9-1-1.
14 MR. JIMENEZ FEARED THE WORST AND BEGAN MASSAGING THE BABY'S
15 HANDS. FORTUNATELY, THE BABY WAS ALIVE AND BEGAN TO CRY. THE
16 BABY WAS TAKEN TO PRESBYTERIAN INNER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF
17 WHITTIER FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND IT'S ASTOUNDING TO THINK
18 THAT, IF RICHARD JIMENEZ HAD IGNORED OR DISMISSED THE SOUND OF
19 THAT CAR HORN, THIS ABANDONED NEWBORN BOY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN
20 DISCOVERED SOON ENOUGH. BECAUSE OF THESE BRAVE AND HEROIC
21 ACTIONS, THIS PRECIOUS LITTLE BOY WILL THRIVE AND HAVE A HAPPY
22 LIFE. MR. JIMENEZ'S STORY REMINDS US THAT SOMETIMES YOU CAN BE
23 IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND AT THE RIGHT TIME BUT IT REALLY TAKES
24 COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING, SO WE APPRECIATE HIS WORK. AND,
25 OF COURSE, THIS PROGRAM, IT'S SO UNFORTUNATE THAT NOT ENOUGH



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1 PEOPLE RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THAT, IF THEY ARE GOING TO
2 ABANDON THEIR CHILD, THEY CAN DO SO AT ANY HOSPITAL, AT ANY
3 FIRE STATION, NO QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED AND SUPERVISOR KNABE
4 HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN TRYING TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THIS
5 PROGRAM AND LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THERE IS A SAFE WAY THAT YOU
6 CAN SURRENDER YOUR BABY IF YOU CHOOSE TO WITHOUT ANY QUESTIONS
7 BEING ASKED. BUT WE'RE HERE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO RICHARD JIMENEZ
8 FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB. WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR
9 COURAGE. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **RICHARD JIMENEZ:** ONE THING. I'D LIKE TO THANK CHRISTINA FOR
12 ALL HER HELP AND I'M GOING TO THANK HER FOR ME BEING AWARE OF
13 THIS ABANDONMENT AND THE SUPPORT OF MY FAMILY, SUPPORT OF THE
14 PEOPLE FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION, AND MY YOUNGER BROTHER AND MY
15 FAMILY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, RICHARD. JUST REMEMBER, NO NAME, NO
18 SHAME, NO BLAME, ANY HOSPITAL, ANY FIRE STATION AND JUST DIAL
19 2-1-1 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS MORNING, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME
22 SEVERAL MEMBERS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WE PROCLAIM THE
23 MONTH OF OCTOBER AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH. WE HAVE CHIEF
24 MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF DEPUTY MICHAEL DRYER, DEPUTY CHIEF
25 JESUS BARTIZAGA, PREVENTION BUREAU, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF SCOTT



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1 POSTER, BATTALION CHIEF RON CABRERA, BATTALION CHIEF CARL
2 FLORES, BATTALION CHIEF MARK NELSON AND BATTALION CHIEF
3 DEVAUGHN THRONE. OUR COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING SAFETY
4 AND SECURITY FOR ALL THOSE WHO RESIDE HERE. PLUS WE HAVE
5 MUTUAL AID PACTS WHERE WE JOIN WITH NEIGHBORING CITIES AND
6 COUNTIES ACROSS THIS STATE AND NATION IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE.
7 FIRE IS A SERIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN, BOTH LOCALLY AND
8 NATIONALLY, AND HOMES ARE THE LARGEST LOCATIONS WHERE MOST
9 PEOPLE ARE AT GREATEST RISK FROM FIRE. INDEPENDENT RESEARCH
10 HAS REPORTED THAT COOKING IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF HOME FIRES.
11 ONE OUT OF THREE HOME FIRES BEGIN IN THE KITCHEN, MORE THAN
12 ANY OTHER PLACE IN THE HOME. FIRST RESPONDERS ARE DEDICATED TO
13 REDUCING THE OCCURRENCE OF HOME FIRES AND HOME FIRE INJURIES
14 THROUGH PREVENTION AND PREVENTION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. OUR
15 COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION MEASURES
16 AND ARE ABLE TO TAKE PERSONAL STEPS TO INCREASE THEIR SAFETY
17 FROM FIRE AND AVOID PAINFUL INJURY AND COSTLY PROPERTY DAMAGE.
18 THE 2006 FIRE PREVENTION MONTH THEME, PREVENT COOKING FIRES,
19 WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT, EFFECTIVELY SERVES TO REMINDS US ALL OF
20 THE SIMPLE ACTIONS WE TAKE TO STAY SAFER FROM FIRE DURING THE
21 FIRE PREVENTION MONTH AND YEAR ROUND. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE
22 BOARD, WE APPRECIATE THE FINE, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND
23 DEDICATION THAT OUR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO
24 PROVIDE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY OVER THE YEARS AND CONTINUE AS
25 ONE WHOSE DISTRICT CONTINUES TO HAVE MANY OF THE FIRES IN THE



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1 ANTELOPE, SANTA CLARITA AND THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEYS. WE
2 APPRECIATE THE DEDICATION AND THE HOME OWNERS DO AS WELL FOR
3 THE FINE RESPONSE THAT THEY RECEIVE FROM THESE PROFESSIONAL
4 MEN AND WOMEN. SO, CHIEF FREEMAN? [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
7 WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION
8 MONTH. OBVIOUSLY, EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR NEEDS TO BE FIRE
9 PREVENTION MONTH BUT OCTOBER, BECAUSE OF THE GREAT CHICAGO
10 FIRE, IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH, BUT IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY
11 TO RECOGNIZE ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR DEPARTMENT WHO
12 CONTINUE TO SERVE IN PREVENTING FIRES AND ALSO THIS MARKS THE
13 KICKOFF OF OUR HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.
14 SO, AGAIN, WE THANK ALL OF YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS RECOGNITION
15 TO US AND WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO
16 PREVENT FIRES BEFORE THEY START, SO, THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO A GROUP SHOT. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME FIRE
21 CAPTAIN ANTHONY PENN TO THE STAGE. HE IS THE RECIPIENT OF THIS
22 YEAR'S PERPETUAL FIRE PREVENTION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, WHICH IS
23 AWARDED TO THE MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR
24 OUTSTANDING WORK IN FIRE PREVENTION AND FOR COMMUNITY
25 INVOLVEMENT. CAPTAIN PENN HAS SERVED THE CITIZENS OF LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE PAST 34 YEARS, WITH 31 YEARS IN OUR
2 FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE DEVELOPED THE FILM INDUSTRY FIRE AND LINE
3 SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, WHICH REVIEWS COST SAVING MEASURES
4 FOR THE FILMING INDUSTRY WITH FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY
5 CONSIDERATIONS. HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
6 THE FILM FEE ORDINANCE ARE PROJECTED TO BRING REVENUES TO THE
7 COUNTY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF NEARLY \$435,000.
8 HE'S A PROUD MEMBER OF THE BUREAU, STARTING AT HIS MANTRA AND
9 PREVENTION WAS "WE SAVE LIVES BEFORE THE BELL TO ANYONE WHO
10 LISTENS". IN ADDITION TO HIS WORK FOR THE COUNTY, HE'S ALSO
11 INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, SERVING AS THE CHAIRMAN OF
12 THE BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR THE CRENSHAW Y.M.C.A. SO,
13 CONGRATULATIONS, CAPTAIN PENN, FOR YOUR GREAT SERVICE. [
14 APPLAUSE]

15

16 **CAPTAIN ANTHONY PENN:** WELL, I'M ALMOST LOST FOR WORDS. I WANT
17 TO THANK MY FAMILY BEHIND ME, MY BROTHERS, MY BEST FRIENDS, MY
18 GIRLFRIEND, MY SISTERS, OVER HERE IS MY GODMOTHER, MY
19 GODFATHER AND, WITHOUT THEM, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THESE
20 KINDS OF THINGS BECAUSE, WHEN I'M AWAY FROM HOME, SOMEBODY'S
21 WATCHING MY BACK, AND I REALLY NEED TO SAY THANK YOU TO THEM.
22 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CAPTAIN PENN IS
25 WELL KNOWN WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO SERVICE



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1 AND RECEIVING THE ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION AWARD IS A SPECIAL
2 RECOGNITION TO BE RECOGNIZED AMONG A GROUP OF OUTSTANDING
3 INDIVIDUALS IS REALLY A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY AND HIS COMMITMENT
4 TO SERVICE, HIS COMMITMENT TO FIRE PREVENTION. SO WE
5 CONGRATULATE YOU AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE PUBLIC SAFETY
6 DIRECTOR FROM THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IS HERE WITH US,
7 ALSO. HIS OFFICE IS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND HE WORKS VERY HARD
8 THERE IN FIRE PREVENTION EFFORTS AS WELL AS THE FILM PERMIT.
9 SO, CONGRATULATIONS, CAPTAIN PENN. JOB WELL DONE.

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11 **CAPTAIN ANTHONY PENN:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE]

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE TIPPY, WHO IS A
16 PEKINGESE MIX. HE IS A 20-WEEK-OLD-- THIS IS TIPPY, WHO'S
17 LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT TIPPY CAN
18 CALL (562) 728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO IS
19 INTERESTED IN HAVING TIPPY AS THEIR-- THIS IS LITTLE TIPPY.
20 OKAY. SEE EVERYBODY? SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** I FINISHED MINE.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, MY ADJOURNMENTS. HUH?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GLORIA HAS...

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER ONE?

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** NO.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS MORNING IS TRULY A DAY FOR A LOT OF HEROES
12 AND HEROINES THAT WE ARE PRESENTING. TODAY, IT'S MY HONOR TO
13 MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION IN RECOGNIZING A MAN WHO WAS
14 ABSOLUTELY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE POLITICAL GROWTH OF MANY
15 CHICANOS FROM MY GENERATION, AND THIS IS GENTLEMAN IS SAL
16 CASTRO. SAL IS, OF COURSE, FOR ALL OF US, A LOCAL LEGEND. HE
17 IS RENOWNED FOR HIS DECADES LONG COMMITMENT TO EDUCATIONAL
18 REFORM IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY IN THE
19 MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IT WAS SAL WHO MOTIVATED SO MANY
20 OF US, AS BABY BOOMERS, TO QUESTION WHY WE, AS MEXICAN-
21 AMERICANS, RECEIVE SUBSTANDARD PUBLIC EDUCATION AND IT WAS SAL
22 WHO GOT US TO DEMAND A CHANGE BY STAGING MASSIVE STUDENT
23 WALKOUTS THROUGHOUT THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY. THIS PHENOMENON
24 SENT RIPPLE EFFECTS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND STILL CAN BE
25 FELT TODAY. MOST RECENTLY, HBO FILMS MEMORIALIZED HIS STUDENT



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1 MOVEMENT IN THE FILM CALLED, "WALK OUT". SAL TOOK THIS TYPE OF
2 BOLD ACTION WELL BEFORE IT BECAME FASHIONABLE FOR YOUTH TO
3 QUESTION AUTHORITY AND HE DID SO AT A GREAT PERSONAL AND
4 PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE. SAL FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT CHICANO YOUTH
5 POSSESSED THE POWER TO FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND,
6 THUS, OUR COMMUNITY, FOR THE BETTER. BUT IT DIDN'T JUST CHANGE
7 OUR MINDS. HE ROUSED US INTO ACTION AND, BY DOING SO, SAL
8 PERMANENTLY AND RADICALLY HELPED CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY
9 IN THE CHICANO MOVEMENT. SAL HIMSELF HAS AN INTERESTING
10 PERSONAL STORY. HE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES IN 1938. SAL
11 ATTENDED KINDERGARTEN AT BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN EAST
12 L.A. BUT HE WAS ABRUPTLY MOVED TO MEXICO WHEN LOCAL
13 AUTHORITIES FORCIBLY REPATRIATED HIS FATHER DURING THE
14 NOTORIOUS MEXICAN REPATRIATION MOVEMENT OF THE 1930S AND '40S.
15 SAL EVENTUALLY RETURNED TO EAST L.A. DURING HIS GRADE SCHOOL
16 YEARS AND ULTIMATELY GRADUATED FROM CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL.
17 AFTER A STINT IN THE U.S. ARMY, SAL RETURNED TO L.A. TO MARRY
18 HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART. HE THEN PURSUED HIGHER EDUCATION
19 AND OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AT
20 CAL STATE L.A. AFTER GRADUATING, HE WENT ON TO BELMONT HIGH
21 SCHOOL-- TO TEACH AT BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL. THERE, SAL TOOK AN
22 INTEREST IN MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT POPULATION. HE STARTED
23 COACHING HIS STUDENTS TO GET THEM INVOLVED IN STUDENT
24 GOVERNMENT. IT PROVED TO BE A CONTROVERSIAL MOVE BECAUSE SAL
25 ENCOURAGED THEM TO ADDRESS THE STUDENT BODY IN SPANISH, WHICH



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1 WAS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. THEN SAL GOT TRANSFERRED TO LINCOLN
2 HIGH SCHOOL BUT THAT DIDN'T DETER HIM. AT CAL STATE L.A., SAL
3 BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH A WHOLE NETWORK OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
4 WERE INVOLVED IN TRYING TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THE CHICANO
5 COMMUNITY. THEY WERE INTENT ON IMPROVING THE CALIBER OF PUBLIC
6 EDUCATION RECEIVED BY STUDENTS OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN DESCENT.
7 SO, IN 1963, SAL DEDICATED HIMSELF TO TAKE ACTION BY
8 ORGANIZING WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS THE CHICANO YOUTH LEADERSHIP
9 CONFERENCES, WHICH ARE HELD TODAY EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR
10 STUDENTS. NOBODY HAD EVER DONE THIS BEFORE AND OUR COMMUNITY
11 HASN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE. THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN
12 THESE CONFERENCES DEVELOPED AN AGENDA THAT WAS CONSIDERED
13 RADICAL AT THE TIME. THEY WANTED EDUCATION EQUITY BETWEEN
14 SCHOOLS AND WITHIN SCHOOLS AT L.A. UNIFIED. THEY WANTED
15 BILINGUAL AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT EDUCATION. THEY WANTED
16 SYSTEMIC REFORMS THAT WOULD PLACE STUDENTS ON A TRACK TO
17 HIGHER EDUCATION AND, WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR TO THEM THAT THE
18 POWERS THAT BE WERE NOT TAKING THEIR AGENDA SERIOUSLY, SAL
19 HELPED ORGANIZE THE MASSIVE SCHOOL WALKOUTS TO ENSURE THAT
20 THEIR VOICES BE HEARD. THE FIRST DAY OF PROTESTS WAS VERY
21 PEACEFUL BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE SECOND DAY WAS MARRED BY
22 POLICE VIOLENCE AGAINST STUDENTS FROM ROOSEVELT AND BELMONT
23 HIGH SCHOOLS. UNLIKE PROTESTERS AT WILSON, LINCOLN AND
24 GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOLS, THESE STUDENTS HAD NO PROTECTION FROM
25 OUR COLLEGE AGED WALKOUT PARTICIPANTS AT THE TIME AND THE



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1 WALKOUTS PERSISTED FOR OVER FIVE DAYS. SAL WAS CHARGED WITH 15
2 COUNTS OF CONSPIRACY TO DISRUPT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND 15 COUNTS
3 OF CONSPIRACY TO DISTURB THE PEACE. 12 OTHERS, MANY OF THEM
4 MEMBERS OF THE BROWN BERET WERE ALSO ARRESTED AND CHARGED THAT
5 DAY. IN 1972, THANKFULLY, ALL THE CHARGES WERE DROPPED. THE
6 MAINSTREAM MEDIA, UNFORTUNATELY, MISSED AND DID NOT FOCUS THE
7 PROPER ATTENTION ON THIS PHENOMENON BUT THE WALKOUTS GENERATED
8 CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN
9 COMMUNITY AND BEYOND. THEY HAVE SERVED AS A DEFINING MOMENT IN
10 THE POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS OF SCORES OF CHICANOS, MANY OF
11 THEM WHO HAVE GONE ON TO SERVE IN PROMINENT PUBLIC SERVICE
12 POSITIONS, INCLUDING MYSELF. AND SAL CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE FOR
13 EDUCATIONAL REFORM WITHIN L.A. UNIFIED AND ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS
14 BUT, EVERY SINGLE DAY, HE CONTINUES TO INSPIRE US BY HIS
15 LEADERSHIP AND BY HIS COURAGEOUS EFFORT. TODAY, HE CONTINUES
16 TO MOTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GO ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO
17 COME BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND MAKE A MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN THE
18 COMMUNITY ONCE THEY RECEIVE THEIR EDUCATION. SAL IS TO BE
19 COMMENDED ON SO MANY FRONTS BUT I APPLAUD HIM BECAUSE HE IS
20 THE KIND OF INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK ACTION WHEN HE KNEW THAT
21 ACTION NEEDED TO BE TAKEN AND SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM
22 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK. HE CONTINUES TO BE A HISTORIAN, HE
23 CONTINUES TO REMIND US OF ALL THE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS
24 THAT MEXICANS HAVE MADE, AS WELL AS SERVING ON THIS BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS IN THE VERY EARLY DAYS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE



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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND HE'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE THAT
2 EDUCATOR AND THAT TEACHER, WHICH I THINK IS IN HIS HEART AND
3 PASSION THAT HE HAS. SO I'M VERY PROUD TO PRESENT A
4 CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK, SAL
5 CASTRO. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SAL CASTRO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A FEW WORDS. THANK YOU
8 ON BEHALF OF THE CHICANO YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. WE ARE
9 HUMBLLED BY THIS HONOR. IT IS VERY FITTING THAT THE HONOR BE
10 BESTOWED HERE BECAUSE IT WAS HERE THAT, 43 YEARS AGO, THE IDEA
11 FOR A MEXICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WAS FIRST
12 THOUGHT OF, THE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AND, WITH
13 THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE FIRST THREE-DAY
14 CONFERENCES WERE HELD AT CAMP KRAMER WITH A GENEROUS DONATION
15 FROM A HUMAN RELATIONS MEMBER BY THE NAME OF TOBIAS CATSIN. HE
16 HAPPENED TO BE A GARMENT MANUFACTURER OWNING THE A-1 TROUSER
17 FACTORY. THE CONFERENCES BEGAN WITH ABOUT 150 11TH GRADE
18 STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND CITY. THE CONFERENCES
19 CONTINUED UNDER THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN
20 1975. AFTER THAT YEAR, CONFERENCES HAVE BEEN HELD WITH THE
21 SUPPORT OF VARIOUS AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING ARIZONA
22 STATE UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS UNIONS, DONATIONS FROM SUPERVISOR
23 MOLINA, COMMUNITY DONATIONS, BENEFITS FROM THE LATINO
24 ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA, L.A.U.S.D. SUPERINTENDENTS. TODAY, WE
25 CONTINUE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE L.A.U.S.D. BEYOND THE BELL



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1 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. IT WOULD BE VERY NICE IF THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS MIGHT SPONSOR ONE OF THOSE CONFERENCES A YEAR FOR
3 US BECAUSE THE KIDS, IT'S ABSOLUTELY FREE TO EVERYBODY AND THE
4 STAFF, IT'S A MIRACLE THAT THE CONFERENCES CONTINUE BECAUSE
5 NOBODY GETS PAID. I, YOURS TRULY, IS A DOLLAR A YEAR MAN.
6 FOLKS, YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER BUT, UNDER THE F.B.I.
7 ADMINISTRATION, THESE DUDES USED TO GET \$1 A YEAR FOR WORKING
8 AND THAT'S WHAT I GET, A DOLLAR A YEAR AND I CAN REALLY
9 STRETCH IT. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCES TODAY ARE SIMPLE
10 AND WE ATTEMPT TO INSTILL IN THE STUDENTS AND, BY THE WAY,
11 THESE ARE SOME OF THE VOLUNTEER STAFF THAT GIVE OF THEIR TIME
12 GENEROUSLY TO HELP WITH THE CONFERENCE AND WE APPRECIATE THAT
13 SO MUCH ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS. OUR PURPOSE IS TO TELL THE
14 YOUNG PEOPLE, STAY IN SCHOOL, GRADUATE, GO TO COLLEGE,
15 GRADUATE, GET ADVANCED DEGREES, BECOME SUCCESSFUL AND
16 RESPONSIBLE LEADERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, WILLING TO GIVE A
17 HELPING HAND TO OTHER YOUNG FOLKS THAT FOLLOW. THE ALUMNI IS
18 LIKE A WHO'S WHO OF CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP, AS SUPERVISOR
19 MOLINA SAID. STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CARLOS MORENO WAS AN
20 ALUMNUS, SO IS SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA AND HIS HONOR, TONY
21 VILLARAIGOSA, NOTICE I CAN CALL HIM TONY, BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF
22 HIS TEACHERS. WE ALSO HAVE MANY FORMER STATE OFFICIALS
23 INCLUDING RICHARD AND RICHARD POLENKO AND RICHARD ALLETORRE,
24 MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND
25 OTHER PROFESSIONALS. ANOTHER AREA WE COVER WITH THE STUDENTS



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1 IS THE EARLY HISTORY, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID, OF LOS
2 ANGELES AND SOME OF THE EARLY LEADERS. SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF
3 THE FIRST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT INCLUDED-- AND THESE WERE
4 MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 1850 THROUGH
5 1855, JULIAN CHAVEZ, CHAVEZ RAVINE, MANUEL DOMINGUEZ,
6 DOMINGUEZ HILLS; AUGUSTINA GRETA OF VERRES STREET; MANUEL
7 RAKENYA AND CANSTOLE AGUILAR. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE THEIR
8 PORTRAITS AND, BY THE WAY, GLORIA IS GOING TO INTRODUCE A
9 GENTLEMAN WHO COULD DO THE JOB OF THIS, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO
10 HAVE THE PORTRAITS ON THE FOYER OF THIS AUDITORIUM AND WHO
11 BETTER TO DO IT THAN-- DID I MENTION BEFORE, GLORIA WILL TELL
12 YOU WHO HE IS. AND IT WOULD BE GREAT INSPIRATION TO THE MANY
13 YOUNG STUDENTS THAT COME HERE EVERY DAY ON TOUR AND, AGAIN,
14 MUCH THANKS AND I AM HUMBLLED AGAIN. GRACIAS. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF SAL, AS YOU CAN
17 TELL. ANOTHER GENTLEMAN THAT IS JOINING US HERE TODAY AND HE
18 HONORED ME THIS MORNING BY MAKING A PRESENTATION AND THAT IS A
19 UNBELIEVABLE ARTIST, IGNACIO GOMEZ. IGNACIO, HE DOES BEAUTIFUL
20 WORK. THIS PORTRAIT IS NOT HIS BEST BECAUSE HE DOES
21 UNBELIEVABLE WORK. IF YOU CAN SEE THE QUALITY. BUT HE DID A
22 PORTRAIT OF MYSELF, AND I'M VERY HONORED TO HAVE IT BUT HE HAS
23 DONE OUTSTANDING WORK FOR A LONG TIME. IN THE SAN FERNANDO
24 VALLEY, HE DID AN UNBELIEVABLE MURAL AND DISPLAY THAT'S A
25 TRIBUTE TO CESAR CHAVEZ. IF ANY OF YOU GET A CHANCE TO GO OUT



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1 THERE TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, YOU CAN SEE THAT. BUT I
2 WANTED HIM TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.

3

4 **IGNACIO GOMEZ:** OH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. I WANT
5 TO INVITE EVERYBODY TO GO SEE THE MEMORIAL OF CESAR CHAVEZ IN
6 THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. IT'S ON WOLF'S HILL AND TRUMAN. IT
7 CONSISTS OF A FOUNTAIN SHAPED IN THE FARM WORKER EAGLE, A SIX-
8 FOOT BRONZE STATUE OF CESAR CHAVEZ, 10 METAL FIGURES
9 SYMBOLIZING THE MARCH IN '66 AND A HUNDRED-FOOT MURAL OF THE
10 LIFE AND EVENTS IN CESAR CHAVEZ'S LIFE AND I WANT TO THANK ZEV
11 YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS DONATION TO THE MEMORIAL AND I THINK WE GO
12 BACK TO THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AND I WANT TO
13 THANK, AGAIN, SAL CASTRO AND SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. THANK
14 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE THEY LEAVE, I'M GOING TO ASK SAL TO
17 INTRODUCE A FEW OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

18

19 **SAL CASTRO:** BEFORE I DO, YOU KNOW, WHEN I FIRST MET IGNACIO, I
20 GOT A CHILL. I THOUGHT HE WAS CESAR CHAVEZ. YOU NOTICE THE
21 RESEMBLANCE? REALLY. ARISILLY LOPEZ, ONE OF MY STUDENTS, SHE'S
22 A PH.D. CANDIDATE AT USC AND FIGHT ON. AND SHE'S ONE OF THE
23 CHAIR-- [LAUGHTER] SHE'S ONE OF THE CHAIR FOLKS. THAT'S ALL
24 RIGHT, DOCTOR. I'M A YELLOW DEMOCRAT SO THAT TAKES CARE OF IT.
25 [LAUGHTER]



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** FIGHT ON.

3

4 **SAL GOMEZ:** MYRNA BRUDY, ADMINISTRATOR WITH L.A. CITY SCHOOLS,
5 ANOTHER ONE OF MY STUDENTS; AND, OF COURSE, DR. FABIO
6 PESCADORE, SON OF THE FORMER ILLUSTRIOUS CONSUL-GENERAL OF
7 MEXICO PESCADORE SO WE'RE GLAD THAT THEY'RE HERE AND THANK YOU
8 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME INTRODUCE-- I USUALLY DON'T DO THIS
11 PRESENTATIONS BUT TODAY WAS A REAL SPECIAL TRIBUTE. I HAVE
12 SOMEONE THAT I WANT ALL OF YOU TO MEET. HE IS A REALLY
13 OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. AND I WANT TO ASK HIM TO COME UP AND
14 JOIN ME. AND THIS IS, OF COURSE, DR. GLENN A. LANGER AND HE'S
15 GOING TO BE JOINED BY HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE AND ALL THE WONDERFUL
16 STUDENTS THAT HE HAS HELPED. DR. LANGER IS FOUNDER AND C.E.O.
17 OF PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOLARS. LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT
18 ABOUT THIS REMARKABLE STORY. DR. LANGER GREW UP IN A LOWER
19 INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD IN PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK, AND WAS THE
20 RECIPIENT OF A FULL FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP THAT ENABLED HIM TO
21 ATTEND COLGATE UNIVERSITY. HIS DREAM WAS TO ATTEND MEDICAL
22 SCHOOL BUT HE DID NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO SO. HE WAS
23 BEFRIENDED BY A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL WHO BELIEVED IN HIS
24 ABILITIES AND WHO AGREED TO FINANCE HIS ADVANCEMENT THROUGH 11
25 YEARS OF MEDICAL SCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENT POST DOCTORAL TRAINING.



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1 DR. LANGER HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT ACT OF GENEROSITY THAT
2 COMPLETELY CHANGED HIS LIFE. HE WENT ON TO BECOME AN ASSISTANT
3 PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT COLUMBIA'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND
4 SURGEONS AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECRUITED BY U.C.L.A. MEDICAL
5 SCHOOL, WHERE HE SERVED AS PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND
6 PHYSIOLOGY FROM 1969 TO 1997. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DIRECTOR
7 OF THE U.C.L.A. CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH LABORATORY FROM 1986
8 TO 1997. AS DR. LANGER APPROACHED RETIREMENT IN THE MID-1990S,
9 HE PARTICIPATED AT A SCIENCE FAIR AT LENNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL IN
10 LENNOX, A LOW INCOME PORT-OF-ENTRY COMMUNITY IN THE EAST OF
11 THE LOS ANGELES AIRPORT. HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE INTELLIGENCE
12 OF THE STUDENTS, THE DEDICATION OF THE FACULTY AS WELL AS THE
13 ADMINISTRATION AND YET HE WAS TROUBLED BY THE CULTURAL
14 ISOLATION OF MANY OF THE STUDENTS, SO HE, TOO, DECIDED TO TAKE
15 ACTION. IN 1996, DR. LANGER AND HIS WIFE, MARYANNE, CREATED
16 THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARS, A PRE-COLLEGE, ALL-VOLUNTEER
17 MENTORING PROGRAM FOR BRIGHT STUDENTS FROM DISADVANTAGED
18 BACKGROUNDS. THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARS BEGAN WITH SIX STUDENTS
19 FROM LENNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL, ALL OF WHOM HAVE GRADUATED OR WILL
20 GRADUATE FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES IN 2006/2007. ONE OF MY
21 INTERNS, MILAGROS, IS ONE OF THOSE GRADUATES. AND THANKS TO
22 DR. LANGER'S DEDICATED FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AMONG PRIVATE
23 DONORS AND CORPORATIONS, THIS EXTRAORDINARY PROGRAM HAS GONE
24 ON TO SUPPORT MORE THAN 300 SCHOLARS IN MORE THAN 20 VENUES
25 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARS IS ENORMOUSLY



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1 SUCCESSFUL WITH 86.5% OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ENTERING
2 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, MANY OF THEM WITH SUBSTANTIAL
3 SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID. TODAY, SCHOLARS ARE ATTENDING
4 SUCH ESTEEMED UNIVERSITIES AS WELLESLEY, STANFORD, LOYOLA,
5 MARYMOUNT, U.C.L.A., OCCIDENTAL AND MANY OTHER UNIVERSITY OF
6 CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES. I WANT
7 TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE STUDENTS, MANY OF THEM WHO ARE BACK
8 HERE TODAY, INCLUDING MY STAFF MEMBER, MILAGROS ROMERO, WHO IS
9 JOINING THEM. I WANT YOU TO APPLAUD THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE
10 ACHIEVING THEIR GOALS AS WELL AND THEY REALLY DESERVE OUR
11 RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE VERY PROUD TO COMMEND DR. GLENN LANGER FOR
14 HIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. HE, TOO, IS A HERO
15 IN THE COMMUNITY AND HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE UNBELIEVABLE
16 LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. WE
17 CONGRATULATE BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK. SO, ON
18 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT
19 YOU A COMMENDATION FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT YOU HAVE
20 DONE. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **DR. GLENN A. LANGER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I
23 AM DELIGHTED AND REALLY DEEPLY HONORED FOR THIS RECOGNITION OF
24 OUR PROGRAM BUT I HAVE TO HASTEN TO INDICATE THAT I'M JUST ONE
25 OF A VERY LARGE GROUP. WE CALL THE PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP FOR



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1 REASONS AND THE MAIN REASON IS IS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE
2 VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND THEIR MONEY TO FURTHER THIS
3 PROGRAM. TO SUMMARIZE VERY BRIEFLY, WE CURRENTLY HAVE OVER 200
4 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS PROCEEDING THROUGH OUR PROGRAM. WE'VE
5 HAD 64 GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND PROCEED ON TO COLLEGE AND
6 A NUMBER OF THESE HAVE GRADUATED. IN ADDITION TO THESE 260 OR
7 70 ODD STUDENTS OR SCHOLARS WHO ARE OBVIOUSLY THE MOST
8 IMPORTANT PARTNERS OF THE PROGRAM, WE HAVE ABOUT 130 MENTORS
9 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. WE HAVE A SMALL PROGRAM UP IN NORTHERN
10 CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SOME 130 MENTORS
11 WHO DEVOTE LITERALLY YEARS OF THEIR TIME TO THE FURTHERING AND
12 THE PROGRESS OF OUR SCHOLARS. IN ADDITION TO THIS, WE HAVE
13 VARIOUS ADMINISTRATORS NUMBERING 35 OR SO AND, OF COURSE, WE
14 HAVE DONORS AND WE HAVE 55 INDIVIDUAL DONORS AND ABOUT 15
15 FOUNDATIONS WHO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM. AS I SAID, WE'VE HAD 64
16 STUDENTS PROGRESS INTO COLLEGE AND HAVE GARNERED, OVER THE
17 PERIOD OF TIME THAT THEY'VE BEEN PROGRESSING THROUGH COLLEGE,
18 OVER \$3.6 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID. SO
19 ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE. NOW, WE HAVE, AS I SAID, REPRESENTATIVES
20 AND THESE STUDENTS BEHIND ME HERE ARE ALL ONGOING SCHOLARS
21 FROM THE EL MONTE AREA, THIS IS ONE OF GLORIA MOLINA'S AREAS,
22 AND THEY ARE PROGRESSING. THE ONES YOU SEE HERE ON STAGE ARE
23 PREDOMINANTLY EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADERS WITH ANOTHER FOUR TO
24 FIVE YEARS TO GO IN THE PROGRAM. AND THEN I WANTED TO MENTION
25 A VERY IMPORTANT PARTNER, WHO GLORIA MOLINA DID MENTION, AND



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1 THAT'S MY DEAR WIFE, WHO STANDS BEHIND ME. WITHOUT HER, WE
2 WOULDN'T HAVE A PROGRAM. AND SO, IN CLOSING, I JUST WANT TO
3 INDICATE AGAIN MY GRATITUDE FOR THIS RECOGNITION WHICH IS
4 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PROGRAM AND VERY IMPORTANT TO
5 MARYANNE AND TO ME. THANKS, MILAGROS AND THANKS, GLORIA
6 MOLINA. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE DO HAVE ONE STUDENT THAT WOULD
9 LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STUDENTS
10 AND THAT'S MIRABELLE AGUILAR.

11

12 **MIRABELLE AGUILAR:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS
13 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS MIRABELLE AGUILAR AND I'M CURRENTLY A
14 SENIOR AT EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL. A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, I WENT
15 TO THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE. AS
16 UNUSUAL AS IT MAY SOUND, IN ALL OF MY 17 YEARS, I HAD NEVER
17 GONE TO THIS FAMOUS FAIR BUT IT WAS WORTH THE WAIT. IT WAS SO
18 MUCH FUN. MY MENTOR, MISS NANCY CHUNG AND I TRIED EVERYTHING,
19 FROM DEEP FRIED SNICKERS TO THE HALF POUND HOTDOG. TO MANY
20 PEOPLE, IT IS JUST A FAIR SINCE THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
21 TO GO EVERY YEAR. BUT, TO ME, IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE THAT I WILL
22 REMEMBER FOREVER. THIS SIMPLE EXCURSION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
23 POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HARD WORK OF SO MANY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY
24 DR. LANGER. BECAUSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM, I, AN
25 ORDINARY STUDENT LIVING IN THE WORST PART OF EL MONTE, HAS



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1 BEEN GIVEN A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES. IN THE VERY SHORT AMOUNT
2 OF TIME I HAVE SPENT WITH MY MENTOR, I HAVE ALREADY
3 EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE FINEST DINING IN LOS ANGELES, WALKED
4 IN THE HALLOWED HALLS OF MY MENTOR'S ALMA MATER, ALSO THE
5 UNIVERSITY I WISH TO ATTEND, AND BEEN EXPOSED TO THE ROOTS AND
6 BIRTHPLACE OF MY OWN CULTURE, THAT WHICH I'M JUST BEGINNING TO
7 UNDERSTAND. DR. LANGER, I OWE YOU AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF
8 GRATITUDE BECAUSE, IF IT WAS NOT FOR YOU AND YOUR GENEROUS
9 PROGRAM, I WOULD STILL THAT SHELTERED STUDENT IN THE WORST
10 PART OF EL MONTE, WONDERING WHAT ELSE LIFE HAS TO OFFER. I
11 HAVE MY FOOT IN THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY, I HAVE MY EYE ON THAT
12 GLIMMER OF HOPE, I HAVE MY FINGER POINTED IN THE DIRECTION OF
13 CHOICES, CHOICES THAT I NOW HAVE BECAUSE I WAS GIVEN THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE WHAT SO MANY OF MY NEIGHBORS DO NOT:
15 THE LIFE THAT EXISTS OUTSIDE OF EL MONTE. THANK YOU, DR.
16 LANGER, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR COMPASSION
17 FOR STUDENTS LIKE ME, THE STUDENTS THAT MOST PEOPLE FORGET,
18 THOSE WHO HARDLY RAISE A BLIP ON THE MASSIVE RADAR OF THE
19 WORLD. HOW MANY PROMISING TALENTS COULD BE LOST IF NOT FOR
20 CARING INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS YOURSELF? HOW MUCH POTENTIAL WOULD
21 REMAIN UNDISCOVERED? HOW MUCH PASSION WOULD NEVER BE LIVED? I
22 CANNOT IMAGINE MY LIFE WITHOUT THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARS
23 PROGRAM AND, THANKS TO YOU, DR. LANGER, SO MANY OTHERS JUST
24 LIKE MYSELF WILL NEVER HAVE TO PONDER THESE "WHAT IFS." SIMPLE
25 WORDS CANNOT BEGIN TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE, DR.



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1 LANGER. SIMPLE WORDS CANNOT CONVEY MY ETERNAL THANKS TO YOU
2 AND YOUR KIND HEART. I CANNOT SPEAK FOR THE HUNDREDS AND THE
3 THOUSANDS WHOM YOUR GENEROSITY HAS TOUCHED BUT PLEASE ACCEPT
4 MY HUMBLE THANKS. ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH OF EL MONTE AND
5 NUMEROUS NEIGHBORING CITIES, AN ETERNAL THANK YOU FOR THIS
6 WONDERFUL CHANCE AT LIFE AND FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO
7 EXPERIENCE LIFE WITH SUCH AN IDEAL MENTOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 TIME. [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. SUPERVISOR
13 BURKE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
16 MEMORY OF DELLA CLARK ALLEN, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF
17 BALDWIN HILLS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 15TH AT THE AGE OF
18 97. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY TWO DAUGHTERS, ALONG WITH
19 A HOST OF FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. AND SPOONEY SINGH, THE
20 FOUNDER OF THE HOLLYWOOD WAX MUSEUM AND SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN
21 WHO PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 18TH AT THE AGE OF 83. HE IS SURVIVED
22 BY HIS WIFE OF 63 YEARS, CHIANCHI, AND SIX CHILDREN, NIVA,
23 JOCELYN, DANNY, INDY, LOUIE, KABR, JALEM, KATHLEEN AND ROBBIE
24 SUE. AND FINALLY VERDA M. CHEATHAM, A LONG-TIME SECOND
25 DISTRICT RESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER FOR THE L.A. COUNTY



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1 COMMISSION ON AGING PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 12TH AT THE AGE OF
2 76. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY TWO DAUGHTERS, KRANDALYN
3 AND TERRY, ONE GRANDSON, THOMAS RICHARDSON III AND A HOST OF
4 RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. AND I'M NOT SURE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
5 WERE YOU MAKING AN ADJOURNMENT OR HAVE WE DONE ONE FOR ANTHONY
6 ALARCON'S FATHER?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DIDN'T HAVE IT BUT I'D LIKE TO JOIN WITH
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO JOIN IN THAT, TOO.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAD JUST RECEIVED THIS. MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
16 MEMORY ANTHONY ALARCON, WHO WAS A NAVY WORLD WAR II VETERAN
17 AND HE DIED ONE WEEK BEFORE HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY. HE WAS BORN IN
18 EL PASO, TEXAS, AND HE IS THE FATHER OF SENATOR RICHARD
19 ALARCON, WHO WAS WITH HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
22 ORDERED.

23



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL JUST ADD THIS. AND I OMITTED THAT HE HAS
2 OTHER CHILDREN, EVELYN, CYNTHIA, DAVID AND TERRY ALARCON AND
3 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S IT? DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENT
6 MOTIONS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENT
7 MOTIONS?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I ALSO WANT TO JOIN ON ANTHONY ALARCON.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. DID SOMEBODY ADJOURN IN
14 MEMORY OF JANE WYATT YET? JANE WYATT, WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THE
15 WEEKEND, A VETERAN STAGE AND FILM ACTRESS I THINK WE ALL KNEW
16 OF AND HAD THE PRIVILEGE, IN MY CASE, OF MEETING A COUPLE OF
17 TIMES. FILM ACTRESS BEST KNOWN FOR HER CO-STARRING ROLES AS
18 THE MOTHER IN "FATHER KNOWS BEST," A VERY POPULAR T.V. SHOW IN
19 THE 1950S. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96 AT HER HOME IN BEL
20 AIR. IN ADDITION TO HER ACTING CAREER THAT SPANNED OVER 50
21 YEARS, SHE WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN CHARITY WORK ON BEHALF OF
22 THE MARCH OF DIMES, AS WELL AS LOS ANGELES BEAUTIFUL AND OTHER
23 ORGANIZATIONS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY TWO SONS, CHRISTOPHER AND
24 MICHAEL WARD, THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN GREAT-
25 GRANDCHILDREN. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LANDON DORRIS,



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1 AN L.A.P.D. OFFICER WHO DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 31 WHEN
2 HE WAS ACCIDENTALLY STRUCK BY A CAR AS HE WAS INVESTIGATING A
3 MINOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN THE LOS FELIZ AREA OVER THE WEEKEND.
4 DORIS HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE L.A.P.D. FOR THE PAST THREE
5 YEARS, HAVING SERVED FOR THE PREVIOUS SIX YEARS AS A
6 MOTORCYCLE OFFICER WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER
11 AND BY HIS FIANCE AND TWO SONS, AGES THREE AND ONE. SPOONY
12 SINGH, FOUNDER OF HOLLYWOOD WAX MUSEUM-- OH, YOU DID THAT. I'M
13 SORRY. I'D LIKE TO JOIN ON THAT ONE. PHYLLIS KIRK, AN ACTRESS
14 BEST KNOWN FOR HER COSTARRING ROLE OPPOSITE VINCENT PRICE IN
15 THE CLASSIC 3-D HORROR FILM, "HOUSE OF WAX" AND LATER IN THE
16 "THIN MAN" T.V. SERIES WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
17 79. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION
18 COUNTRY HOUSE AND HOSPITAL IN WOODLAND HILLS. SHE IS SURVIVED
19 BY HER SISTER, MEGAN KIRK FLAX OF SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA, TWO
20 STEPDAUGHTERS AND A STEP GRANDDAUGHTER. AND FINALLY, HERBERT
21 LEONARD, A FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCER, RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH
22 TELEVISION HITS AS "THE ADVENTURES OF RIN TIN TIN", "NAKED
23 CITY", AND "ROUTE 66", 1950S AND 1960S HIT SHOWS, WHO RECENTLY
24 SUCCUMBED TO CANCER AT THE AGE OF 84 AT HIS HOME IN HOLLYWOOD
25 HILLS. HE IS SURVIVED BY SIX DAUGHTERS, GINA, MICHELLE, SWAN,



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1 VICTORIA, SOPHIE, AND ANNIE AS WELL AS THREE GRANDCHILDREN.

2 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. THAT'S IT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO
7 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARMEN MARTINEZ. CARMEN IS
8 THE MOTHER OF DAVID MARTINEZ, ONE OF OUR OWN PARKS AND
9 RECREATION EMPLOYEES. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME WHITTIER RESIDENT
10 AND WAS LOVED BY HER FAMILY AND SHE'LL BE GREATLY MISSED BY
11 HER ENTIRE FAMILY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN AND
12 COUNTLESS FRIENDS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
15 ORDERED. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF
16 RUTH MARGARET COGGAN, WHO IS A RESIDENT OF GLENDALE, PASSED
17 AWAY ON OCTOBER 18TH AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
18 DAUGHTER, CAROLYN, MY CLASSMATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, AND HER
19 HUSBAND, RON, ANOTHER CLASSMATE, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, 11
20 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS A LEADER AND TEACHER OF STRENGTH
21 AND WISDOM AND WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF CELEBRATING HER 95TH
22 BIRTHDAY THE SUNDAY BEFORE SHE PASSED AWAY AND SHE WAS
23 WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL LADY. GEORGE HAYES, A RETIRED DEPUTY
24 SHERIFF, PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 13TH. HE HAD 26 YEARS WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS AT THE NARCOTICS



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1 HEADQUARTERS. DR. CHARLES PRICKETTE, 33-YEAR MEMBER OF THE
2 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES. HE WAS ALSO-- HE HAD JOINED THE
3 TOURNAMENT IN 1973. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SERVICES AND
4 PROPERTIES COMMITTEE. ASIDE FROM TOURNAMENT WORK, HE SERVED AS
5 THE CHIEF OF SURGERY AT HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. FOR 20
6 YEARS HE VOLUNTEERED AT THE ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL WHERE HE
7 SERVED CHILDREN AND TRAVELED TO THE HOSPITAL'S FREE CLINIC FOR
8 UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN CALEXICO ON THE UNITED STATES/
9 MEXICO BORDER. GRACE QUINN, WHO PASSED AWAY OF PNEUMONIA, WAS
10 91. JOHN JOSEPH REAL, SR. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY
11 WITH THE FIRM OF STEVENSON, RIO AND CARMELICH AND WAS ALSO
12 MANAGER OF THE FISHERMAN'S COOP ASSOCIATION LONG-TIME
13 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STAR KISSED FOODS AS THEIR LEGAL COUNSEL
14 AND RETIRED AS THEIR CEO AT DONOVICH FAMILY. FRANK SANCHEZ,
15 RETIRED SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, SERVED 20 YEARS WITH THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE FIRESTONE STATION. KATHRYN
17 SPAMPINATO, MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE COUNTY'S
18 LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 15TH.
19 HER LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS TO THE CRESCENTA VALLEY STATION.
20 ARTHUR RAYA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE L.A. COUNTY HEALTH
21 SERVICES DEPARTMENT, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL
22 VALLEY, ALSO SERVED UNDER PRESIDENT NIXON AS THE SPECIAL
23 ASSISTANT TO THE UNDERSECRETARY OF HEALTH IN THE U.S. PUBLIC
24 HEALTH SERVICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE WAS ALSO A CLINICAL
25 INSTRUCTOR OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH AT THE



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1 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS
2 OF THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE THE CHIEF
3 SANITARIAN. HERBERT V. LEONARD, THAT WAS MENTIONED, WHO WAS
4 THE PRODUCER OF THE "RIN TIN TIN," "NAKED CITY" AND "ROUTE
5 66." AND LANDON DORIS, THE SHERIFF-- THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
6 OFFICER WHO WAS KILLED. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
7 SO ORDERED. I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION. THE GRAND JURY
8 HAS SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RELATIVE TO
9 AN INCREASE OF THE DAILY REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCE FOR THE 23
10 MEMBERS OF THE 2006/2007 CIVIL GRAND JURY. ACCORDING TO THE
11 LETTER, THE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT
12 ALLOWANCE WHICH BEGAN IN 1974 AND WHICH HAS REMAINED THE SAME
13 FOR THE PAST 32 YEARS. SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO REPORT BACK IN THREE WEEKS
15 WITH THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE CIVIL GRAND JURY'S LETTER TO
16 THE BOARD SEEKING AN INCREASE IN THEIR DAILY REIMBURSEMENT
17 AMOUNTS. SO THAT WOULD BE FOR THREE WEEKS THAT IT WOULD COME
18 BACK TO THE BOARD. SECOND-- I MEAN, THAT'S JUST TO PUT ON FOR--
19 - SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED FOR A
20 REPORT BACK. OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 1.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH
23 9, ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE
24 STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [
25 ADMINISTERING OATH]



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON PUBLIC
3 HEARING ITEM NUMBER 1, THIS IS THE HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF
4 APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING
5 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1,
6 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE
7 ANNEXED TERRITORIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. NO WRITTEN
8 CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

9

10 **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND...

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GET CLOSER TO THE MICROPHONE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** GET CLOSER.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN YOU TURN UP THE MICROPHONE?

17

18 **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL
19 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH
20 THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
21 DISTRICT 1687 AND LLA-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING
22 AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EIGHT TENTATIVE
23 SUBDIVISIONS REFERENCED IN THE BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION,
24 THE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION
25 AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS



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1 HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO
2 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF
3 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO
6 WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD
9 BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE
10 TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE
11 MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY BURKE.
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF
17 APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING
18 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1,
19 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE
20 ANNEXED TERRITORIES FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL
21 YEAR 2007/2008. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON
22 THIS MATTER.

23

24 **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL
25 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH



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1 THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
2 DISTRICT 1687 AND LLA-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING
3 AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TWO TENTATIVE
4 SUBDIVISIONS REFERENCED IN THE BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION,
5 THE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION
6 AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS
7 HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO
8 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF
9 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD
12 BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE
13 TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE
14 MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. I'LL SO MOVE, SECONDED BY
17 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 3, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF
20 TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687,
21 CALABASAS LIGHTING DISTRICT, AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-
22 1, UNINCORPORATED AND CALABASAS ZONES AND THE LEVYING OF
23 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED TERRITORIES FOR STREET LIGHTING
24 PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. I'M SORRY. NO WRITTEN
25 CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.



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RANDINE RUIZ: MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL
ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH
THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
DISTRICT 1687, CALABASAS LIGHTING DISTRICT AND LLA-1
UNINCORPORATED AND CALABASAS ZONES AND THE LEVYING AND
COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TWO SUBDIVISIONS REFERENCED
IN THE BOARD LETTER. THE CITY OF CALABASAS HAS GRANTED ITS
CONSENT AND JURISDICTION FOR THE TRACT LOCATED WITHIN THE
CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE
ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED
ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE
ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED
EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NONEXEMPT TAXING
AGENCIES.

16

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO
WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL MOVE TO
CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT
OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: I'M SORRY, MR. MAYOR. ON THIS ONE, WE NEED
TO DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THEN RECONSIDERATION BY KNABE.
2 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND WE WILL CONTINUE
3 THIS ITEM FOR A TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS SO IT'LL BE PLACED
4 ON THE TABLE.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER 4. HEARING ON
7 ANNEXATION OF 18 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE
8 DISTRICTS WITHIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES AND THE CITIES OF
9 COMMERCE, DIAMOND BAR, DUARTE, GLENDORA, INDUSTRY, PICO
10 RIVERA, ROLLING HILLS AND WALNUT AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL
11 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED PARCELS FOR THE OPERATION AND
12 MAINTENANCE OF SEWER FACILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. NO
13 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

14

15 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU AND I'M A SENIOR
16 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M
17 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE
18 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF 18 PARCELS
19 IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE
20 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF COMMERCE, DIAMOND BAR,
21 DUARTE, GLENDORA, INDUSTRY, PICO RIVERA, ROLLING HILLS AND
22 WALNUT. THE INVOLVED CITIES HAVE GRANTED THEIR CONSENT AND
23 JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, ALL 18 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITED
24 BY THE ANNEXATION TO THE DISTRICT AND BY THE SERVICE TO BE



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1 PROVIDED. IN MY OPINION, THESE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN
2 FAIRLY IMPOSED.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO WE HAVE TO TABULATE THIS ONE?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO WE HAVE A MOTION BY
9 YAROSLAVSKY TO-- FIRST OF ALL, IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE
10 AUDIENCE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THAT ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR
11 YAROSLAVSKY WILL MOVE TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE THE
12 ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 5, HEARING ON INCREASE TO THE
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NUMBER 29, MALIBU WATER
16 RATES INCREASE TO THE CONSTRUCTION FACILITY SURCHARGE, AND THE
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF A TIERED WATER RATE STRUCTURE AND INCREASE
18 TO THE WATER SUPPLY SURCHARGES. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
19 PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER.

20

21 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THERE'S NO STAFF PRESENTATION ON THIS
22 ONE, MR. MAYOR.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
25 WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? SUPERVISOR BURKE WILL MOVE



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1 TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT
2 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 6, HEARING ON INCREASE TO THE
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NUMBER 21, KAGEL CANYON
6 WATER RATE. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS
7 MATTER.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO
10 WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WOULD
11 MOVE TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 8, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
15 INCREASE TO MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TICKET PRICES PROPOSED BY THE
16 LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2007 HOLLYWOOD
17 BOWL SEASON. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS
18 MATTER.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO
21 WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL
22 MOVE TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM. SECONDED.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 9, DE NOVO HEARING ON
2 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 200500090-1, PROJECT NUMBER
3 R2005-01724-1 IN DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
4 AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF AN EXISTING BAR WITH THE
5 SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION AND ACCESSORY
6 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED TO KARAOKE LOCATED AT 16005 AMAR
7 ROAD IN COMMUNITY OF VALINDA, PUENTE ZONED DISTRICT APPLIED
8 FOR BY MICHELLE RUBLOCAVA.

9

10 **SAMUEL DAE:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
11 MY NAME IS SAMUEL DAE. I'M A SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER WITH
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. TO MY LEFT IS DENNIS
13 HUNTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. ON MAY 17TH, 2006,
14 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED A CONDITIONAL USE
15 PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF AN EXISTING BAR
16 WITH THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION IN THE
17 C-2 BE ZONE, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL BILLBOARD EXCLUSION. THE
18 SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON 16005 AMAR ROAD IN THE PUENTE
19 ZONE DISTRICT. THE SURROUNDING LAND USE OF THE SUBJECT
20 PROPERTY CONSISTS OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES, DUPLEX,
21 COMMERCIAL AND LIGHTING INDUSTRIAL USE TO THE NORTH, SOUTH,
22 EAST AND WEST. THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
23 DETERMINED THAT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN AN
24 AREA WITH ALL THE CONCENTRATION OF SIMILAR USE HOWEVER BUT IT
25 IS LOCATED IN A HIGH CRIME AREA. THE ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED



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1 NEAR SENSITIVE USE, ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL USES AND WITHIN
2 WALKING DISTANCE OF SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN THIS AREA. THE
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INDICATED THERE WERE 28 CALLS AT THE
4 SUBJECT LOCATION WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS. THE REGIONAL
5 PLANNING COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ARE
6 WELL INSURED, THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE FACILITY TO BE
7 CONSISTENT WITH THE SURROUNDING USE TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL
8 ISSUES AND IMPACTS RAISED AT THE HEARING. THE COMMISSION
9 IMPOSED CONDITIONS REGARDING REGULAR INSPECTIONS BY ZONE
10 ENFORCEMENT STAFF, THE PROPRIETOR TO PROVIDE UNARMED SECURITY
11 DURING THE HOURS OF OPERATION AND ALSO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON
12 THE OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITY FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
13 MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. THE APPLICANT SUBSEQUENTLY APPEALED THE
14 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE
15 PERMIT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THIS CONCLUDES MY
16 REPORT TO THE BOARD AND WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY. WE HAVE SAM
19 TIBIBIAN, DAVID LADJEVIC AND ALONZO VARGAS.

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21 **SAM TIBIBIAN:** GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONORS. MY NAME IS SAM
22 TIBIBIAN. I REPRESENT MISS MICHELLE RUBLOCAVA-HUSBAND, OWNER
23 OF JOANNE'S BARREL HOUSE. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO
24 HEAR THE APPEAL ON THIS MATTER. WHILE MISS HUSBAND RESPECTS
25 MANY OF THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING



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1 COMMISSION, MISS HUSBAND WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL THE REGIONAL
2 PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION WITH RESPECT TO TWO CONDITIONS:
3 THE BARREL HOUSE STAY OPEN NO LATER THAN 12:00 A.M. AND (2)
4 THE BARREL HOUSE SHALL HAVE NO LIVE MUSIC EXCEPT FOR KARAOKE.
5 MISS HUSBAND OPERATES THE BARREL HOUSE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE
6 CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. MISS
7 HUSBAND PURCHASED BARREL HOUSE A FEW YEARS AGO WITH THE VISION
8 OF CREATING A BAR WITH A SAFE AND COLLEGIATE ATMOSPHERE WHERE
9 HER ADULT PEERS AND COUPLES IN THE COMMUNITY CAN RELAX AND
10 SOCIALIZE. MISS HUSBAND'S BAR IS UNIQUE IN THIS SENSE AND
11 DIFFERENT THAN ALL OTHER BARS IN THE AREA. SINCE THE TIME MISS
12 HUSBAND HAS RUN THE BAR UNTIL THE TIME OF THE REGIONAL
13 PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION, SHE HAS HAD NO INCIDENTS
14 INVOLVING THE LAW DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HER BAR. MISS
15 HUSBAND HAS WORKED AT GREAT LENGTHS TO MEET HER VISION FOR HER
16 BAR. HER CONDUCT SHOULD STAND AS AN EXAMPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.
17 UNFORTUNATELY, THE CONDITIONS THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
18 HAVE SET SERVE TO PUNISH MISS HUSBAND AND ENCOURAGE OTHER BARS
19 IN THE AREA TO CONTINUE THEIR TROUBLESOME BEHAVIOR. THIS CASE
20 IS ABOUT MISTAKEN IDENTITY. LOS PORTRIAS BAR, LOCATED RIGHT
21 NEXT TO BARREL HOUSE, BREEDS CRIME AND BAD BEHAVIOR AMONG ITS
22 PATRONS. AS THE RECORDS REFLECT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS
23 BEEN SENT TO THAT ESTABLISHMENT AT LEAST 57 TIMES IN THE PAST
24 THREE YEARS. ANY STATISTICS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE
25 FOR LOS PORTRIAS, NOT BARREL HOUSE. THIS IS EVIDENCED BY THE



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1 FACT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS MISTAKENLY ALLEGED IN
2 THE PAST THAT BARREL HOUSE HAS NOT HAD ABC LICENSE, WHICH
3 TURNED OUT TO BE FALSE. FURTHERMORE, MISS HUSBAND HAS
4 REQUESTED RECORDS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST
5 THAT EVIDENCE ANY OF THESE ACCUSATIONS THAT THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT HAS MADE YET THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS NOT
7 PRODUCED ANY OF THESE RECORDS. LAS PORTRIAS, UNLIKE BARREL
8 HOUSE, SERVES HARD LIQUOR. PATRONS THAT DRINK HARD LIQUOR HAVE
9 A HIGHER PROPENSITY TO GET INTOXICATED AND COMMIT CRIMES.
10 IRONICALLY, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ALLOWS LOS
11 PORTRIAS BAR TO STAY OPEN UNTIL 1:30 A.M. AND BARREL HOUSE
12 BAR, A BAR THAT SERVES ONLY BEER AND WINE, HAS TO CLOSE AT
13 12:00 A.M. THIS OTHER BAR RECEIVES A WINDFALL IN REVENUE AS
14 COMPETITION AFTER THE HOUR OF 12:00 A.M. FROM BARREL HOUSE HAS
15 BEEN ELIMINATED. BARREL HOUSE, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS INCURRING
16 SEVERE LOSSES IN ITS REVENUE AND DECREASED MORE THAN 60% DUE
17 TO THE LIMITED HOURS AND LIMITATION OF LIVE MUSIC. BARREL
18 HOUSE CAN BARELY COVER COSTS WITH SUCH LITTLE INCOME. THIS
19 NEIGHBORING BAR, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHICH BREEDS CRIME, IS
20 REWARDED WITH LONGER HOURS WHILE BARREL HOUSE SUFFERS
21 FINANCIALLY. MISS HUSBAND SUBMITS THAT LIMITING BARREL HOUSE'S
22 HOURS DOES NOT SERVE THE PURPOSE OF POLICY 4 OF THE GENERAL
23 PLAN WHICH STATES THAT DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROMOTE NEIGHBORING
24 COMMERCIAL FACILITIES WHICH PROVIDE CONVENIENCE GOODS AND
25 SERVICES, COMPLIMENT THE COMMUNITY CHARACTER THROUGH



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1 APPROPRIATE SCALE, DESIGN AND LOCATION. IN FACT, LIMITING
2 BARREL HOUSE'S HOURS AS CONTRARY AS PATRONS OF BARREL HOUSE
3 ARE FORCED TO PATRONIZE LOS PORTRIAS BAR, A BAR WITH HARD
4 LIQUOR AND A HIGH RATE OF CRIME. AT THIS TIME, MISS HUSBAND
5 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GRANT HER
6 APPEAL WITH RESPECT TO EXTENDING HER HOURS TO 2:00 A.M. AND
7 ALLOWING LIVE MUSIC. ALSO ALLOWING SUCH CONDITIONS WILL NOT
8 INCREASE CRIME IN THE AREA AS MISS HUSBAND LABORS TO MAINTAIN
9 A SAFE ENVIRONMENTS. MISS HUSBAND IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS
10 OF OBTAINING CAMERAS AND SECURITY GUARDS AND, IF ALLOWED
11 EXTENDED HOURS, MISS HUSBAND WILL UTILIZE THE ADDITIONAL
12 INCOME TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY AT BARREL HOUSE. THANK
13 YOU FOR TAKING YOUR TIME TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
14 OPPORTUNITY NOW TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY. WE HAVE THREE
17 PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE COMING UP.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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23 **DEPUTY ALONZO VARGAS:** DEPUTY ALONZO VARGAS.

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25 **DEPUTY DAVID LADJEVIC:** DEPUTY DAVID LADJEVIC.



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DEPUTY DAVID LADJEVIC: OKAY, THE FIRST REPORTS I HAVE, I WAS LISTENING TO THE TESTIMONY ABOUT IT BEING A PLACE FOR COUPLES AND PEOPLE TO GO. ON JUNE 6TH, JUNE 16TH AND JULY 14TH OF 2006, THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL CONDUCTED SEVERAL OPERATIONS INSIDE THE LOCATION REGARDING B-GIRLS AND THREE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND ONE WAS ISSUED A CITATION FOR VARIOUS BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CODE VIOLATIONS. AND THEN DEPUTY VARGAS HAS SOME CALLS FOR SERVICE THAT WERE ROUTED TO THAT LOCATION.

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DEPUTY ALONZO VARGAS: THE ADDRESS IN QUESTION, THE 16005, HAS, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, I'VE ACCUMULATED SOME STATISTICS IN REGARDS TO PROBLEMS AND LOCATION. AS THE OTHER PARTY INDICATES, THERE HAVE BEEN INCIDENTS AT BOTH LOCATIONS BUT HE'S NOT IMMUNE FROM INDICATING THAT THE BARREL HOUSE BAR IS NOT HAVING INCIDENTS AND PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY'S SAFETY AND IT'S OUR TASK, AS BEING THE VALINDA CORRIDOR TASK FORCE, TOWN SHERIFF IS TO BRING THESE ITEMS TO LIGHT, WHETHER THEY'RE CRIME RELATED, NUISANCE RELATED AND HEALTH RELATED, ARE INSTANCES OF CRIME. LET ME JUST GIVE YOU A QUICK THUMBNAIL SKETCH AS TO TWO ROBBERIES JANUARY '05 AND MARCH OF '06. WE'VE HAD ONE OFFICER BATTERED ON APRIL OF '05. WE'VE HAD THREE NARCOTICS ARRESTS THAT I'VE INDICATED DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE ADDRESS IN QUESTION AND THREE OTHERS WHICH WERE ATTRIBUTED



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1 TO THE ADDRESS THAT THE OTHER PARTY WAS INDICATING. THERE'S
2 BEEN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ORDER VIOLATION THERE WHERE AN
3 INDIVIDUAL WENT TO THE BAR LOOKING FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAD THE
4 RESTRAINER ON A INDIVIDUAL AND WE'VE HAD OTHER DRUNK IN PUBLIC
5 AND INCIDENTS OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT, ONE WEAPONS VIOLATION
6 THERE. BEING TASKED WITH THE-- IDENTIFYING PROBLEM LOCATIONS
7 AND TALKING TO PATROL STAFF AND IDENTIFYING WITH OUR COPS
8 TEAM, I'VE NOTICED THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED VERBALLY DOESN'T
9 NECESSARILY TRANSLATE DIRECTLY TO THAT BAR IN TERMS OF PULLING
10 STATISTICS BUT THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
11 BEEN BUYING NARCOTICS AT THE LOCATIONS, AND THE GOOD MAJORITY
12 OF THESE PROPERTIES-- A GOOD MAJORITY OF THESE ARRESTS ARE
13 FROM THAT PROPERTY, HAVE INDICATED THAT NARCOTICS WAS
14 PURCHASED ON OR NEARBY THIS PROPERTY AND DIRECTLY AT THAT
15 LOCATION. SO THIS IS WHY WE'RE TRYING TO FORWARD THE ACTUAL
16 CLOSURE OF THE BUILDING ITSELF BECAUSE OF ITS HAZARDOUS
17 LOCATION. THE FACADE IS AN UGLY MURAL TYPE GREEN WITH A
18 CALLIGRAPHY TYPE GRAFFITI OF THE WRITERS WHO ATTRIBUTE THEIR
19 MURAL TO THEIR OWN ARTISTIC VALUE. SO IT SEEMS TO BE POSING A
20 PROBLEM AND IT SEEMS CONTINUING. I DON'T SEE IT ABATING UNLESS
21 WE TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON THIS.

22
23 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IT'S NOT A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY, THEN?



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1 **DEPUTY DAVID LADJEVIC:** NO, SIR. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE
2 PROBLEM.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
5 SHERIFFS COMING AND TESTIFYING. THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING
6 PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY AND, OVER FIVE YEARS, THERE'S BEEN
7 OVER 24 ARRESTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE THERE, AS WAS STATED. AND
8 EVEN AFTER THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THERE WAS ADDITIONAL
9 PROBLEMS THAT OCCURRED WITH-- WHEN THEY DID SEND INVESTIGATORS
10 OUT THERE. SO THE REALITY IS THAT THERE ARE CONDITIONS THAT
11 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON HERE AND ARE TRYING TO MAKE THIS BAR AND
12 THE BUSINESS OWNER A MUCH MORE RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS OWNER TO
13 THE COMMUNITY. I'M GOING TO ADD AN AMENDMENT TO THE
14 CONDITIONS. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 AMEND THE CONDITIONS BEFORE US ON THIS CASE NUMBER
16 R2005000090-1 TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:
17 ONE, A CONDITION PROHIBITING CATERING TRUCKS OR MOBILE VENDING
18 CARTS FROM SELLING FROM THE PROPERTY, A CONDITIONING REQUIRING
19 THE MANAGER TO BE ON PREMISES AT ALL TIMES, A CONDITIONING
20 REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING TO REVIEW THE COMPLIANCE OF
21 THE CONDITIONS OF THE C.U.P. AFTER ONE YEAR AND ADVISE THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY PROBLEMS OR VIOLATIONS IN ORDER TO
23 DETERMINE IF CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS ARE WARRANTED OR
24 REVOCATION OR MODIFICATION PROCEEDINGS SHOULD BE INITIATED. IN
25 NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE DIRECTOR EXPAND THE HOURS OF



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1 OPERATION. SO I KNOW THERE ARE MANY IN THE COMMUNITY THAT
2 WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PLACE CLOSE DOWN BUT WE THINK, WITH THE
3 CONDITIONS, IT COULD BE-- MUCH MORE RESPONSIBLE ACTIONS CAN BE
4 TAKEN AND SO I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WE
5 ADD THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONDITIONS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN. I MOVED AND SECONDED-- I
10 MEAN, IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE AMEND THE
11 CONDITIONS AS STATED HERE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION AS SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
14 SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NUMBER 1.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER
21 TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO
22 MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND
23 LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION
24 TERRITORIES WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687
25 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED



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1 ZONE. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO
2 ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
3 ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES AND
4 ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
5 RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORIES.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 2, AFTER TABULATING THE
11 BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY
12 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
13 ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES
14 WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY
15 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED ZONE. AS A
16 RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE
17 RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
18 ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES AND
19 ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
20 RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORIES.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** SO MOVED.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: ON ITEM NUMBER 3, AFTER TABULATING THE
BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY
PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
ASSESSMENTS FOR TERRITORIES WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
DISTRICT 1687, CALABASAS LIGHTING DISTRICT AND COUNTY LIGHTING
DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AND CALABASAS ZONES. AS
A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE
RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
ASSESSMENTS FOR TERRITORIES AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED
EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF
THE TERRITORIES.

13

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

18

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. ITEM 14. WILLIAM MOLINARI,
STEPHEN STOKES, KATHY SALAZAR, JOHN PEREZ. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME
FOR THE RECORD AND BEGIN.

22

KATHY SALAZAR: YES, SIR. MY NAME IS KATHY SALAZAR. I'M A
RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO AND A PAST MAYOR. I WANT TO READ TO YOU
A LETTER THAT I AM HAVING PASSED OUT. IT SAYS HERE, DEAR



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1 COUNTY SUPERVISORS, AS RESIDENTS AND VOTERS OF THE CITY OF
2 MONTEBELLO WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE RESPECTFULLY
3 REQUEST THAT YOU TABLE ITEM NUMBER 14 LISTED ON YOUR OCTOBER
4 24TH, 2006 AGENDA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE VOTERS OF MONTEBELLO
5 ARE GIVEN THEIR RIGHT, THROUGH THE INITIATIVE PROCESS, TO
6 ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSING ANY PROPOSAL FOR TRANSFER
7 OF OUR FIRE SERVICES TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON OCTOBER 24TH,
8 WE SUBMITTED OVER 5,000 SIGNATURES ON A PETITION REQUIRING
9 VOTER APPROVAL BEFORE ANY CHANGES IN POLICE OR FIRE SERVICES
10 CAN BE MADE IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND ESTABLISHING
11 SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING ANY OUTSIDE CONTRACT
12 PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. THOSE SIGNATURES, WHICH ARE NOW
13 BEING REVIEWED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
14 FOR VERIFICATION. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE PETITION WILL
15 QUALIFY AND A MEASURE WILL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN 2007.
16 SINCE IT TOOK US A MERE 50 DAYS TO COLLECT OVER 5,000
17 SIGNATURES, THIS STRONGLY INDICATES HOW SERIOUS MONTEBELLO
18 VOTERS WANT TO VOTE ON THIS PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. WE ARE SIMPLY
19 ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HOLD OVER APPROVAL FOR THE
20 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN
21 AND INSTRUCT THE CHIEF NOT TO ENTER INTO ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH
22 THE CITY UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT MONTEBELLO VOTERS ARE ALLOWED TO
23 DECIDE ON THE MEASURE. WE MAKE THIS REQUEST FOR SEVERAL
24 REASONS. THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO FORM A MAJORITY OF OUR CITY
25 COUNCIL HAVE PUBLICLY REFUSED TO ALLOW VOTERS A CHANCE TO



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1 APPROVE ANY CHANGES IN PUBLIC SAFETY. IT IS OUR FEAR THAT THEY
2 WILL BYPASS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND TAKE ACTION IN DIRECT
3 OPPOSITION TO THE DESIRE OF THE COMMUNITY. TWO, BECAUSE THE
4 COUNTY'S PROPOSAL WAS COURIERED DIRECTLY TO MONTEBELLO CITY
5 ADMINISTRATOR THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER, NEARLY 15 DAYS BEFORE
6 IT WAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE BELIEVE
7 THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING RUSHED BY ELEMENTS OUTSIDE OUR
8 CITY WHO WANT TO BYPASS THE VOTERS. 3, IN 1997, A LOCAL
9 MEASURE ASKING FOR VOTER APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FIRE SERVICES TO
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAILED OVERWHELMINGLY. THE VOTERS HAVE
11 ALREADY SPOKEN ON THIS ISSUE BUT, SINCE ANNEXATION IS BEING
12 CONSIDERED ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE SIMPLY ASKING THE SAME RIGHT AND
13 COURTESY THAT WAS GIVEN IN 1997. PUBLIC SAFETY IS TOO
14 IMPORTANT AN ISSUE AND TOO SIGNIFICANT A PUBLIC POLICY ISSUE
15 TO BE DECIDED BY THREE PEOPLE WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC INPUT OR
16 VOTER APPROVAL. WITH OVER 5,000 SIGNATURES IN 50 DAYS, IT IS
17 SELF-EVIDENT THAT MONTEBELLO DOES NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE
18 DECISION TO JUST THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS. CONDITIONS TO WARRANT-
19 - EXCUSE ME. CONDITIONS DO NOT WARRANT ANY URGENCY IN THIS
20 MATTER. THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO IS NOT IN ANY DIRE FINANCIAL
21 STRAITS. MONTEBELLO HAS MADE NO CUTS IN PUBLIC SAFETY OR LAID
22 OFF ANY EMPLOYEES. MONTEBELLO HAS MAINTAINED ITS OWN FIRE AND
23 POLICE SERVICES FOR 86 YEARS AND, AS CHIEF FREEMAN INDICATES
24 ON PAGE 7 OF THE PROPOSAL, BOTH THE CITY AND THE DISTRICT
25 PROVIDE OUTSTANDING FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL



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1 SERVICES. BOTTOM LINE, THIS PROPOSAL CAN WAIT. THIS IS NOT A
2 COMPLICATED ISSUE. MONTEBELLO RESIDENTS WANT THEIR FEDERAL AND
3 STATE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE ON THIS VITAL ISSUE OF
4 PUBLIC SAFETY. WE ARE TURNING TO YOU, AS OUR ELECTED COUNTY
5 OFFICIALS, TO LISTEN TO US SINCE THREE MEMBERS OF OUR CITY
6 COUNCIL WILL NOT. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. THERE ARE OVER 5,400
7 SIGNATURES HERE. THAT'S JUST FROM OUR COMMITTEE. THANK YOU. [
8 APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

11

12 **STEVE STOKES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEVE
13 STOKES AND I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO
14 SINCE 1950, WHEN I WAS TWO YEARS OLD. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO
15 HELP SEE THAT THE CITIZENS OF MONTEBELLO HAVE THEIR VOICES
16 HEARD ON THIS ISSUE ABOUT MONTEBELLO'S FUTURE FIRE SERVICE
17 PROVIDER. IN A FRACTION OF THE ALLOTTED TIME, OVER 5,000
18 RESIDENTS SIGNED A PETITION THAT WOULD MAKE THE SOURCE OF
19 POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES IN OUR CITY A MATTER FOR THE PEOPLE
20 TO DECIDE BY VOTE. TO PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE, 5,000 IS
21 APPROXIMATELY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED, THE TOTAL NUMBER
22 OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED IN OUR LAST ELECTION. DESPITE THE SUCCESS
23 OF OUR PETITION, THE 3-TO-2 MAJORITY ON OUR CURRENT CITY
24 COUNCIL IS INTENTIONALLY TRYING TO THWART THE WILL OF THE
25 PEOPLE AND RUSH MONTEBELLO INTO A NEW FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT



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1 BEFORE WE HAVE THE TIME TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE. YOU HAVE THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO AID THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN MONTEBELLO BY
3 TABLING THE COUNTY FIRE PROPOSAL FOR MONTEBELLO UNTIL WE HAVE
4 THE CHANCE TO VOTE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

7

8 **BILL MOLINARI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD MORNING,
9 BILL MOLINARI, I'M SENIOR MEMBER OF THE MONTEBELLO CITY
10 COUNCIL, FORMER MAYOR. WE ARE NOT HERE THIS MORNING TO
11 QUESTION THE AUTHORITY OF OUR COUNCIL MAJORITY TO REQUEST THIS
12 PROPOSAL NOR TO HAVE THE PROPOSAL NEGOTIATED. I THINK WE'RE
13 HERE ON A MUCH MORE IMPORTANT MATTER AND THAT'S THE RESPECT
14 FOR THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. AS WE MENTIONED TO YOU WHEN WE
15 WERE BEFORE YOU IN JULY, PEOPLE OF MONTEBELLO HAVE VOTED ON
16 THIS ISSUE IN THE PAST AND VERY DECISIVELY DECIDED THAT THEY
17 WANTED TO KEEP THEIR INDEPENDENT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE ISSUE
18 HAS NOW COME BEFORE US AGAIN BUT, IN THIS CASE, THREE OF OUR
19 COLLEAGUES HAVE DECIDED THAT THEY DO NOT WANT THE PEOPLE TO
20 HAVE A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE. THIS IS MUCH IN CONTRAST TO THE
21 WILL OF THE COMMUNITY. AS WAS INDICATED, WE COLLECTED OVER
22 5,000 SIGNATURES IN A SIX WEEK PERIOD. THAT COUNT WOULD HAVE
23 BEEN FAR HIGHER HAD NOT THE TIMEFRAME THAT WE WERE GIVEN FOR
24 THIS PROPOSAL BE COMPLETED WAS SHORTENED BY A MONTH AND A HALF
25 AND, AS INDICATED, PRESENTED TO THE BOARD PREMATURELY BEFORE



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1 THE BOARD EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO ACT ON IT, EVEN THOUGH IT
2 CLEARLY STATES IN YOUR AGENDA ITEM THAT IT WILL BE PRESENTED
3 TO THE CITY AFTER THE BOARD TAKES AN ACTION. IT'S INDICATING
4 THAT SOMEONE IS TRYING TO RUSH THIS PROCEDURE AND RAILROAD IT
5 THROUGH AND BYPASS THE PEOPLE, TOTALLY IN CONTRAST TO THE
6 DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THAT I THINK WE ALL RESPECT. AS ELECTED
7 OFFICIALS, WE MAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE VOTERS AND
8 RESIDENTS OF OUR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS ON A REGULAR BASIS BUT
9 THE PEOPLE ARE STILL THE FINAL AUTHORITY AND, IN THIS CASE,
10 THE PEOPLE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY WISH TO HAVE THEIR VOICES
11 HEARD AND, ALTHOUGH I'VE ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TWICE AT PUBLIC
12 MEETINGS TO SIMPLY RESPECT THAT DESIRE, THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO
13 IGNORE IT AND THAT IS SIMPLY TOTALLY CONTRADICTORY TO THE
14 DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THAT WE ENJOY IN THIS COUNTRY. AS HAS BEEN
15 MENTIONED, THERE IS NO SENSE OF URGENCY HERE. AS WAS MENTIONED
16 IN A LETTER, BOTH CHIEF FREEMAN HAS INDICATED BOTH THE COUNTY
17 AND L.A., THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING FIRE
18 SERVICE. WE JUST HAPPEN TO THINK OUR FIRE SERVICE IS A BIT
19 MORE OUTSTANDING BUT, OTHER THAN THAT, EVERYTHING IS
20 FUNCTIONING WELL. THE SIGNATURES ARE BEING TABULATED BY THE
21 COUNTY REGISTRAR. THEY'VE INDICATED THEY'LL BE COMPLETED BY
22 THE END OF THE WEEK. THIS ORDINANCE REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE
23 PEOPLE COULD BE PLACED ON THE CITY BOOKS BY VOTE OF THE CITY
24 COUNCIL OR ELECTION PROCESS BUT ALL WE ARE ASKING OF YOU THIS
25 MORNING IS THAT YOU GIVE OUR RESIDENTS THE RESPECT THEY



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1 DESERVE IN HAVING THEIR VOICES HEARD, TABLE THIS MATTER UNTIL
2 SUCH TIME AS THE ORDINANCE REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE CAN
3 BE PLACED ON THE CITY'S BOOKS AND ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO
4 PARTICIPATE IN THIS MATTER AND HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD. IT IS
5 OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE, IT'S ONE OF THE BASIC ISSUES, PUBLIC
6 SAFETY, AS YOU'RE AWARE, IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES
7 OF OUR AREA. WE THINK THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE
8 OPPORTUNITY OF PARTICIPATING IN DECISIONS BECAUSE THEY HAVE
9 MADE IT CLEAR THEY HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO DO SO. WE
10 RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THIS REQUEST. IT IS
11 QUITE SIMPLE. JUST TABLE THE MATTER UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THIS
12 ORDINANCE IS ON THE BOOKS AND THEN WE CAN PROCEED TO DISCUSS
13 IT FULLY AND LET THE PEOPLE MAKE THE FINAL DECISION. I THANK
14 YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP GILBERT
17 FLORES, MERCEDES RIVERA AND FRANCES MCMILLAN.

18

19 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MERCEDES
20 RIVERA. I LIVE HERE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. MR. PETER
21 BAXTER CONTINUES TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL. SUPERVISOR GLORIA
22 MOLINA, MR. BAXTER APPRECIATES YOU HAVING ARRANGED FOR THE
23 LETTER THAT WAS SENT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HIM IN
24 REGARDS TO HIS PROJECT BUT THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE
25 YET. I WILL BE GOING OVER THE FORMULA AGAIN FOR MR. PETER



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1 BAXTER, STEAM, A FORMULA TO COMBAT FIRE. A CANDLE BURNING IN A
2 GLASS CONTAINS WHICH IS OPEN AT THE TOP DEMONSTRATES PRECISELY
3 THE PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY OF THE PROPOSAL TO DENY HOSTILE FIRE
4 OXYGEN. FIRST, THERE IS THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE. IN THAT
5 PROCESS, A FLAME IS APPLIED. THE CANDLE IS IGNITED AND THE
6 CANDLE'S WICK BURNS. THE BURNING CANDLE DRAWS FRESH AIR INTO
7 THE OPENING OF THE GLASS CONTAINER AT THE TOP OF THE CANDLE.
8 THE QUESTION IS, HOW CAN WE TURN OFF THE FIRE? WE HAVE LIGHT,
9 HEAT AND AIR, EVIDENCE OF THE FIRE. BY PUTTING A COVER ON TOP
10 OF THE CANDLE, WE WOULD KNOW THAT IT WOULD TURN OFF
11 AUTOMATICALLY. FRESH AIR WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO INTO THE
12 GLASS WHICH SIGNIFIES THAT, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T GET AIR, IT
13 DOESN'T HAVE ANY TYPE OF FIRE. THAT'S HOW YOU TURN IT OFF.
14 THIS IS ONE OF THE PROPOSALS FROM PETER BAXTER THAT HE HAS TO
15 SHARE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE'S ONLY ASKING TO BE ALLOWED
16 TO SHARE THIS FORMULA WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE THE
17 TECHNOLOGY OF HOW TO COMBAT A FIRE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN... (SPEAKING SPANISH).

20

21 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** HERE'S THE RESPONSE FROM THE FIRE
22 DEPARTMENT TO GIVE TO MR. PETER BAXTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

25



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1 **JOHN PEREZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOHN PEREZ AND I LIVE AT
2 117 NORTH 19TH STREET, MONTEBELLO. THE REASON I'M HERE IS TO
3 TABLE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE TO
4 L.A. COUNTY-- TO THE CITY OF L.A., THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I LIVE
5 IN MONTEBELLO AND HAVE BEEN LIVING THERE FOR 17 YEARS. ALL I
6 WANT YOU TO TABLE SO THEY CAN COUNT THE VOTES AT VOTER
7 REGISTRATION OFFICE. THEY ARE COUNTING THEM NOW. WE GATHERED
8 OVER 5,000 SIGNATURES IN ABOUT 50 DAYS. I WAS OUT GETTING
9 SIGNATURES. I COULD HAVE GOTTEN SOME MORE IF I WOULD HAVE KEPT
10 IT UP. PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO SIGN. I DON'T THINK I HAD ONE
11 NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM THE PEOPLE THAT WERE SIGNING THE
12 PETITION, SO I'M ASKING YOU, AS A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO, TO
13 TABLE THIS UNTIL THEY FINISH COUNTING THE VOTES. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

16

17 **GILBERT FLORES:** MY NAME IS GILBERT FLORES. I'M ALSO A RESIDENT
18 OF MONTEBELLO AND I PARTICIPATED IN THE-- COLLECTING THE
19 SIGNATURES. THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO BE HERE AND LET YOU KNOW
20 WHAT I FOUND. LIKE HE SAID, I DIDN'T FIND ANYBODY THAT WOULD
21 SAY "NO" TO THIS. EVERYBODY WANTS TO PARTICIPATE, EVERYBODY
22 WANTED-- WANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THE ISSUE. WE
23 UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON BUT WE JUST WANT THE OPPORTUNITY,
24 JUST GIVE US THE TIME SO WE CAN PARTICIPATE AND THAT'S THE
25 GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT I FOUND FROM THE PEOPLE. OF ALL THE



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1 PEOPLE THAT I INTERVIEWED, THAT I GOT THE SIGNATURES FROM,
2 EVERYBODY AGREES. ALL WE WANT IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON
3 THE ISSUE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE
6 AUDIENCE WHO HAD SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THEY ALL SPOKE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO DIDN'T, WHO
11 WERE CALLED AND DIDN'T SPEAK. THAT'S FRANCES MCMILLAN.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, SHE'S NOT GOING TO SPEAK.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE'S NOT GOING TO SPEAK. OKAY.
16 SUPERVISOR?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I COULD, THIS IS A TROUBLING SITUATION, AS ANY
19 OF US WHO ARE SEEING THESE KINDS OF ISSUES COME UP. AGAIN,
20 THIS IS A DIVIDED ROAD ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND IT'S A VERY
21 CONTENTIOUS ISSUE, IT HAS BEEN FOR A VERY LONG TIME. AND
22 PRESENTLY, AS I UNDERSTAND, THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING
23 FORWARD. THEY HAVE COLLECTED THE SIGNATURES, THEY'RE IN THE
24 PROCESS OF GETTING THOSE SIGNATURES VERIFIED AND HOPEFULLY
25 THAT THIS WILL GET VERIFIED AND THEN PLACED, AS I UNDERSTAND,



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1 ON THE JUNE BALLOT. UNFORTUNATELY, AT THE SAME TIME, THE CITY
2 COUNCIL, BY A 3-2 VOTE, HAS DETERMINED TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF
3 NEGOTIATING WITH OUR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND SO IT'S TOUGH
4 TO BE IN THIS SITUATION. WHAT THE FOLKS ARE SAYING HERE IS
5 THAT THEY WANT US TO SET ASIDE THE PROCESS UNTIL A VOTE CAN BE
6 TAKEN OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE THERE. AND WHILE WE WANT TO
7 RESPECT THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE
8 FORWARD ON A CERTAIN PART OF IT AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND
9 CORRECTLY AND I DON'T KNOW WHO IS HERE TO REPRESENT THE FIRE
10 DEPARTMENT BUT MAYBE, MR. FORTNER, YOU CAN HELP ME WITH THIS
11 ON THE CONTRACT PORTION. AS I UNDERSTAND, THE NEXT STEP IS TO
12 BEGIN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT? THANK
13 YOU, CHIEF. I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU WERE STILL HERE.

14

15 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR THE FULL
16 QUESTION.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING IS WHERE WE ARE NOW IN THIS
19 PROCESS, IT WOULD NOW ALLOW YOU TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF
20 BEGINNING DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE CITY.
21 THAT WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP?

22

23 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** SUPERVISOR, REALLY THE NEXT STEP IS UP
24 TO THE CITY. ONCE THE-- ASSUMING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
25 THIS MORNING OR AT SOME TIME APPROVES THE PROPOSAL, THAT



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1 DOCUMENT, THAT PROPOSAL OFFICIALLY IS IN THE HANDS OF THE CITY
2 AND IT'S REALLY UP TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS TO WHAT THEY WANT TO
3 DO AS THE NEXT STEP.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. SINCE MANY OF THE PEOPLE HERE KNOW
6 EXACTLY WHAT THE CITY COUNCIL IS GOING TO DO, I AM ASKING YOU,
7 IF WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL, THEN THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO
8 BEGIN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY AS TO HOW THAT WILL BE
9 CARRIED OUT?

10

11 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** IF THE COUNCIL DIRECTS THAT
12 NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN, THEN THAT IS CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THEY DIRECT-- WHAT ELSE COULD THEY NOT? EITHER
15 "YES" OR "NO."

16

17 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THEY COULD RECEIVE AND FILE THE
18 PROPOSAL.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OF COURSE BUT LET'S SAY THEY DO.

21

22 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** IF THEY DIRECT THAT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN,
23 THEN WE WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH THE CITY, AT WHICH TIME, WHATEVER
24 IS NEGOTIATED-- AND THERE'S NO ABSOLUTE LENGTH OF TIME THAT IT
25 WOULD TAKE, IS THAT, ONCE WE WOULD ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT AS



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1 TO WHAT THE PROVISION FOR SERVICES WOULD BE, THEN THAT WOULD
2 GO BACK, ONCE AGAIN, TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR APPROVAL.
3 ONCE-- AND ASSUMING THAT THE COUNCIL DOES APPROVE THAT, THEN
4 IT HAS TO COME BACK TO YOUR BOARD FOR APPROVAL. IF YOUR BOARD
5 DOESN'T APPROVE THAT CONTRACT, THEN IT DOES NOT HAPPEN.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE'RE THE ONES THAT APPROVE FINAL
8 IMPLEMENTATION?

9

10 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT ONE PART OF
13 THAT. THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO IS AT 50%-- 3% AT 50. HOW DO WE
14 INCORPORATE THAT INTO THE DEPARTMENT?

15

16 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** BASICALLY, IN VERY SIMPLISTIC TERMS, IS
17 THAT ANY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE THREE AT 50 FOR RETIREMENT THAT
18 COME INTO OUR ORGANIZATION, WHATEVER THEY'VE ACCRUED IN THAT
19 PARTICULAR PENSION PROGRAM, THEY KEEP, BUT THEN THEY COME INTO
20 OUR PENSION, WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN THAT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO HOW DOES THAT GET-- HOW DOES THAT WORK?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I ASSUME IT'S RECIPROCAL, SO THAT, WHEN THEY
25 RETIRE, THOSE YEARS IN THAT SYSTEM WOULD BE FINAL COMP AGAINST



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1 3% AT 50 FOR THE YEARS IN MONTEBELLO AND THEN THE COUNTY'S
2 FORMULA FOR THE YEARS IN THE COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE SAME PRIVILEGES OF
5 RETIRING AT 50 WITH 3% OF THEIR SALARY?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NOT FROM THE COUNTY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT IN THE COUNTY. AND THAT-- ARE YOU SURE THAT
10 THAT CAN BE NEGOTIATED? I MEAN, RETIREMENT BENEFITS...

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** HAVE YOU DONE THIS BEFORE?

13

14 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** YES. WE'VE BEEN IN THIS SITUATION
15 PREVIOUSLY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT OTHER CITY DID YOU ABSORB THAT HAD 3%?

18

19 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THE CITY OF LA HABRA.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND, AGAIN, THEIR OFFICERS CAME OVER? AND-- BUT
22 IT'S NOT BEEN TESTED, RIGHT? SINCE NO ONE HAS RETIRED SINCE?

23



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1 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** I'M NOT SURE IF SOMEONE FROM LA HABRA
2 HAS RETIRED BUT THIS-- I'M NOT CLEAR ON THAT. WE CAN PROVIDE
3 THAT INFORMATION TO...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE REASON I'M SAYING IS THAT NOBODY KNOWS UNTIL
6 IT GETS TESTED, RIGHT?

7

8 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE THERE IS A-
9 - I DON'T WANT TO SAY IT'S ILLEGAL BUT THERE IS A CLEAR-CUT
10 PROVISION THAT'S ESTABLISHED BETWEEN MANY TIMES THESE
11 EMPLOYEES ARE IN PERS AND, AS MR. JANSSEN HAS INDICATED, THERE
12 IS RECIPROCATION BETWEEN LACERA AND PERS BUT IS PRORATED AND
13 IT IS ESTABLISHED CLEARLY AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE HAD PEOPLE
14 RETIRE FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS. I JUST DON'T HAVE THAT WHERE I
15 CAN TELL YOU FOR SURE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING-- THIS IS
18 GOING TO HAPPEN IN MANY OTHER INSTANCES, AND I JUST DON'T KNOW
19 TO WHAT EXTENT IT'S TESTED BUT I DO KNOW THAT RETIREMENT
20 BENEFITS ARE SOMETHING THAT ARE TREATED VERY DIFFERENTLY IN
21 THE LAW AND THEY'RE, LIKE, ONCE THEY'RE GIVEN, THEY'RE YOURS
22 FOREVER, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS HAS EVER BEEN TESTED AND
23 THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION. AND MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING
24 WE SHOULD...

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE CAN LOOK AT THAT AND REPORT BACK. THEY
2 ACTUALLY JOINED LACERA AND, IN JOINING LACERA, THEY GET LACERA
3 BENEFITS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S IT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SO, AGAIN, SO JUST FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
10 MONTEBELLO, IT IS HARD WHEN YOU CAN'T-- WHEN YOU HAVE A CITY
11 COUNCIL TELLING YOU THIS IS WHAT WE WISH TO DO. I UNDERSTAND
12 THERE'S A MINORITY POSITION AND, WHILE I WANT TO BE HELPFUL IN
13 THAT REGARD, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND DO, AND CHIEF
14 FREEMAN, HOPEFULLY YOU CAN HELP US WITH THIS, HOPEFULLY WE'RE
15 GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, IF WE MOVE FORWARD TODAY TO
16 ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL, THAT BEGINS A SERIES-- IT GOES BACK TO
17 THE CITY COUNCIL, THEY HAVE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION, AND I
18 THINK THAT THAT'S WHERE MANY OF YOUR VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD
19 AS TO WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO PROCEED. BUT, EVEN IF THEY
20 CHOSE TO PROCEED, THERE'S GOING TO BE SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS
21 THAT WILL GO ON AND, HOPEFULLY, WE ARE NOT GOING TO FINALIZE
22 EITHER AT LEAST AT THIS POINT, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE CITY
23 COUNCIL BUT I WOULD ASK THAT WE WOULD NOT FINALIZE IT UNTIL
24 THE MINORITY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST HAVE THEIR VOICES
25 HEARD, MAYBE GET IT ON THE BALLOT AND SEE ABOUT GETTING THE



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1 ELECTION CARRIED OUT. THAT DOESN'T GUARANTEE IT. I MEAN, IT'S
2 ONLY AN OPTION, BUT THIS IS, AGAIN, ONLY TO MAYBE SLOW DOWN
3 THE PROCESS SOMEWHAT WHILE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON. SO
4 WHILE WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED HERE, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW
5 THAT YOUR REAL BATTLE IS REALLY WITHIN YOUR OWN CITY AND THE
6 CITY COUNCIL. WE'LL TRY AND BE HELPFUL JUST TO ALLOW YOUR
7 VOICES TO BE HEARD BUT IT DOESN'T GUARANTEE ANY ASPECT OF
8 THAT. CHIEF FREEMAN HAS A RESPONSIBILITY, AS WE DO, TO RESPOND
9 TO A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND SO I
10 HOPE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT THAT. BUT WE WILL
11 TRY AND WORK WITH THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. SO I WOULD HAVE NO
12 OBJECTION THAT WE APPROVE AND MOVE FORWARD ON THIS AS IS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO MOVE THAT WITH ADJOURN IN
20 MEMORY MARY SIMONIAN, WHO WAS THE WIFE OF THE FORMER CHIEF OF
21 POLICE FOR MONTEBELLO AND FORMER HEAD OF INVESTIGATIONS FOR
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVE COOLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT.
23 SECONDED BY KNABE. WE'LL PUT ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. NEXT ITEM IS THE ITEM 19.
25 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HELD THAT ITEM.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I WANTED TO ADD.

3 THIS BOARD HAS RECEIVED INPUT FROM CITIZENS AND ORGANIZATIONS

4 OBJECTING TO THE USE OF DIRECT RECORD ELECTRONIC OR TOUCH

5 SCREEN EARLY VOTING MACHINES. SOME MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

6 ARE CONCERNED THAT THE TOUCH SCREEN MACHINES DO NOT ACCURATELY

7 RECORD THE BALLOTS CAST. STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL TOUCH

8 SCREEN MACHINES PRODUCE A PAPER VOTING RECORD THAT IS VISIBLE

9 TO THE VOTER-- THAT IS VISIBLE TO THE VOTER THROUGH A VOTER

10 VERIFIED PAPER AUDIT TRAIL. THE EXISTENCE OF THIS PAPER AUDIT

11 TRAIL AFFORDS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THE TOUCH

12 SCREEN MACHINE IS OPERATING CORRECTLY AND ACCURATELY RECORDING

13 THE BALLOTS CAST. STATE LAW REQUIRES A MANUAL RECOUNT OF ALL

14 BALLOTS CAST ON ELECTION DAY AT 1% OF THE PRECINCTS. HOWEVER,

15 BALLOTS CAST AT THE TOUCH SCREEN EARLY VOTING SITES ARE NOT

16 PART OF THE 1% RECOUNT. IN AN EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE THE

17 ACCURACY OF VOTES CAST ON TOUCH SCREEN MACHINES, AFTER THE

18 JUNE 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER CONDUCTED A

19 MANUAL AUDIT OF BALLOTS CAST ON ONE TOUCH SCREEN DEVICE

20 COMPARING THE VOTES AS RECORDED ON THE VVPAT, VOTER VERIFIED

21 PAPER AUDIT TRAIL, WITH THE VOTES THAT WERE REPORTED

22 ELECTRONICALLY. THIS AUDIT ENCOUNTERED SOME PROBLEMS BECAUSE

23 IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE PAPER ROLL HAD JAMMED DURING THE

24 EARLY VOTING PERIOD SUCH THAT PORTIONS OF FOUR BALLOTS WERE

25 NOT LEGIBLE ON THE VVPAT SYSTEM OUT OF THE 62 TOTAL BALLOTS



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1 CAST IN THIS MACHINE. THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER WAS ABLE TO
2 COMPENSATE FOR THIS PROBLEM BY UTILIZING STORED BALLOT IMAGES
3 OF THE FOUR MISSING BALLOTS. WITH THIS ONE CAVEAT, THE
4 REGISTER-RECORDER'S MANUAL RECOUNT FOUND THAT THE VOTES
5 RECORDED ELECTRONICALLY IN THE TOUCH SCREEN MACHINE MATCHED
6 PERFECTLY WITH THE VOTES RECORDED ON THE PAPER AUDIT TRAIL.
7 GIVEN THE ONGOING QUESTIONING OF THE TOUCH SCREEN VOTING
8 DEVICES, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO REPEAT THE MANUAL AUDIT OF
9 VOTES CAST ON NO FEWER THAN 5% OF THE TOUCH SCREEN MACHINES
10 USED FOR EARLY VOTING IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION. I
11 THEREFORE MOVE THAT ITEM NUMBER 19 BE AMENDED TO INSTRUCT THE
12 REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO CONDUCT A RANDOM AUDIT OF
13 VOTES CAST ON NO FEWER THAN 5% OF THE DIRECT RECORD ELECTRONIC
14 TOUCH SCREEN EARLY VOTING MACHINES USED FOR EARLY VOTING AT
15 THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION COMPARING THE VOTES AS
16 RECORDED ON THE VOTER VERIFIED PAPER AUDIT TRAIL WITH THE
17 ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED VOTES AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
18 WITH THEIR FINDINGS BY DECEMBER 5TH, 2006.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR MOTION,
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND...

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, MINE DOESN'T RELATE TO THOSE BALLOTS THAT
2 ARE BEFORE ELECTION DAY. MINE REFERS TO THE ELECTION DAY SNAP
3 TALLY.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, THE SNAP TALLY.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS THE VOTES THAT ARE IN THE MACHINES AT THE
8 VARIOUS LOCATIONS PRIOR TO ELECTION...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST THE TOUCH SCREEN.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** ...DAY. TOUCH SCREEN. I'LL ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY AS AMENDED,
15 SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM IS
16 ITEM 21 THAT WAS HELD BY DR. CLAVREUL.

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON THAT
23 ORDINANCE, YOU KNOW, LIKE I MENTIONED MANY TIMES BEFORE, I AM
24 CONCERNED ON THE WAY MEMBERS OF THE H.I.V. COMMISSION ARE
25 SELECTED. AND UNDER-- ON PAGE 5 UNDER "D," YOU KNOW, I THINK



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1 THOSE MEMBERS SHOULD BE NOMINATED AND APPOINTED BY THE BOARD
2 AND THE WAY IT'S WORDED HERE IS ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
3 RECOMMENDED TO YOU BY THE H.I.V. COMMISSION, AND THIS IS NOT
4 MANDATED BY H.R.S.A., CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD.
5 THIS COMMISSION IS THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND, BECAUSE IT IS A
6 COUNTY COMMISSION, YOU MUST AND SHOULD APPOINT YOUR OWN FIVE
7 MEMBERS. SO I AM-- I THINK THAT WORDING SHOULD BE CHANGED AND
8 THOSE FIVE MEMBERS SHOULD BE APPOINTED BY YOU AS INDIVIDUALS
9 TO REPRESENT YOUR DISTRICTS AND NOT UPON A RECOMMENDATION FROM
10 THE H.I.V. COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. OKAY. ITEM 21 IS
13 BEFORE US. OKAY. MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 23, THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT FOR THE REPORT ON THE EQUITY MODEL PLAN. FIRST, WE
16 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE
17 ISSUE OF PATROL, WHICH WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH, INCLUDING THE
18 DEPLOYMENT REPORT WHICH EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTES THE VACANCIES
19 BETWEEN THE CONTRACT CITIES AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE'D
20 LIKE TO HEAR YOUR PRESENTATION AND WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS WE
21 WANT TO ASK.

22

23 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** OKAY, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M
24 MARV CAVANAUGH, I'M DIVISION CHIEF, FIELD OPS REGION THREE. I
25 HAVE WITH ME CHIEF RON WILLIAMS FROM REGION 2 AND CHIEF NEIL



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1 TYLER FROM DIVISION 1. IF THERE ARE SOME SPECIFICS QUESTIONS,
2 THEY'LL BE MORE ABLE TO RESPOND. AT THE BOARD'S DIRECTION, IN
3 JULY, THE SHERIFF PUT FORWARD WHAT WE CALL A FIELD OPERATIONS
4 DIRECTIVE TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF VACANCIES
5 BETWEEN CONTRACT COMMUNITY AND COUNTY COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE
6 DONE THAT. WE HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH THAT REPORT AND I CAN
7 WALK YOU THROUGH IT REAL QUICKLY. IF YOU LOOK ON PAGE 1, THESE
8 ARE THE DEPLOYMENTS OF THE DEPUTIES WORKING PATROL ONLY. IT IS
9 NOT SUPPORT STAFF. THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE ANSWERING CALLS FOR
10 SERVICE. IT GOES THROUGH THE CONTRACTS, ALL THE COUNTY
11 COMMUNITIES, AND WE'VE PUT THE DISTRICT NUMBER JUST TO LET YOU
12 KNOW WHICH ITEMS ARE YOURS. YOU LOOK AT REGION 2, REGION 3,
13 SAME FORMAT. IF WE TURN TO PAGE 4, THIS IS WHERE THE NUTS AND
14 BOLTS ARE. WE WENT AHEAD AND INCLUDED POPULATION SQUARE MILES
15 JUST TO KIND OF GIVE YOU A SENSE OF WHAT THE SPAN OF
16 RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH POLICING COMMUNITY. IF YOU GO TO THE
17 STAFFING REPORT 575 COLUMN, THAT NUMBER REPRESENTS THE NUMBER
18 OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS WORKING PATROL IN THAT ASSIGNED AREA.
19 EXAMPLE, CITY OF COMMERCE. WE HAVE 28 DEPUTIES WORKING EAST
20 L.A. STATION IN THE COUNTY COMMUNITY AND IT REPEATS ITSELF ALL
21 THE WAY THROUGH. MOVING OVER TO THE NEXT COLUMN, WHAT WE HAVE
22 DONE JUST TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF THE PERCENTAGE OF THE FIELD
23 FORCE AND LET'S USE EAST L.A. STATION AS AN EXAMPLE. THERE ARE
24 75 DEPUTIES WORKING PATROL AT THAT STATION. 28 OF THEM ARE
25 WORKING IN THE CONTRACT CITY OF COMMERCE AND THAT REPRESENTS



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1 37.3% OF THE TOTAL FIELD FORCE. AND YOU CAN LOOK AT EAST LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITIES, YOU HAVE 47, WHICH REPRESENTS 62%.
3 WHAT WE'VE DONE ALL THE WAY OVER IN THE EQUITABLE VACANCY
4 DISTRIBUTION COLUMN, WE'VE USED DECIMAL POINTS, OF COURSE, SO
5 THAT WE CAN HAVE THEM ADD UP TO YOU A WHOLE NUMBER. WE HAVE
6 DONE A FACTOR. YOU TAKE THE EQUITABLE VACANCY INTO THE FIELD
7 FORCE, YOU COME UP WITH A PERCENTAGE. IN THIS ONE HERE, IT'S
8 RATHER SIMPLE. WE WILL HAVE 20% VACANCY IN THE CITY OF
9 COMMERCE AND WE'LL HAVE A 20% VACANCY IN THE CONTRACT
10 COMMUNITY. THERE ARE 15 VACANCIES RIGHT NOW IN PATROL AT EAST
11 L.A. STATION. AND, AGAIN, THAT REPLICATES ITSELF TO ALL OF THE
12 COUNTY COMMUNITIES AND THE 41 CONTRACT CITIES IN THE DOCUMENT.
13 THE SHERIFF HAS MADE IT REAL CLEAR TO ALL OF US IN THE PATROL
14 OPERATIONS THAT MAINTAINING THE EQUITY IS A PRIORITY AND THIS
15 WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY REGULAR INSPECTION BY STATION
16 COMMANDERS AND REVIEW AT DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS. THIS REPORT
17 WILL BE SENT TO YOU EACH MONTH, AS WELL AS YOUR STAFF, AND, IF
18 THERE ARE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OR DEVIATIONS, IT IS OUR
19 INTENTION TO GET THOSE TO YOU AS SOON AS WE FIND OUT, NOT WAIT
20 FOR THE MONTH. THE ONE-PAGE-- IF YOU GO TO PAGE 6, THIS IS
21 JUST KIND OF-- WE'RE TRYING TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF WHAT CAUSES
22 VACANCIES, WHETHER IT BE SPONTANEOUS, PREAPPROVED VACATIONS,
23 AND WE'LL BE SENDING YOU THESE NUMBERS AND THEY ARE REFLECTED
24 IN HOURS. YOU WOULD DIVIDE IT, OBVIOUSLY, BY 8 FOR A SINGLE



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1 SHIFT. OKAY. WITH THAT SAID, I'D ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS YOU
2 MAY HAVE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK YOU, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME
7 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES HOW THINGS HISTORICALLY HAVE BEEN DONE BUT
8 CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE POLICY, HOW THAT WILL RESULT IN INCREASE
9 TO COMPLIANCE LEVELS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS?

10

11 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** IF I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION, MR. MAYOR...

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE THOSE NUMBERS DO FLUCTUATE.

14

15 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** YES, THEY DO. AND, AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A WORK
16 IN PROGRESS AND WE HAVE, QUITE FRANKLY, FOUND A FEW ERRORS IN
17 THE MATHEMATICAL SIDE OF THE EQUATIONS AND I CAN USE ALTADENA
18 AS AN EXAMPLE OR I COULD DEFER HERE TO NEIL. THERE WAS AN
19 OVERSIGHT MADE THERE AND A SIGNIFICANT ONE. WE HAVE CAUGHT IT
20 AND WE'VE MADE THAT CHANGE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 369
23 VACANCIES IN PATROL, OF WHICH 123 ARE IN THE UNINCORPORATED
24 AREAS. CAN YOU UPDATE US, THE BOARD, ON THE PROGRESS OF
25 FILLING THE 123 POSITIONS?



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MARV CAVANAUGH: YES, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. WE ARE AT 24%
VACANCIES IN OUR CONTRACT CITIES AND WE'RE AT 23% IN THE
COUNTY COMMUNITIES. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE MANAGING A LOT OF
ISSUES ON THE CUSTODY SIDE AND OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT, BUT THE SHERIFF REALIZES THAT THE FIELD OPERATIONS
SIDE OF THE HOUSE GOT INTO SIGNIFICANT TROUBLE WITH THE
VACANCIES AND THERE'S A LOT OF REASONS FOR ALL THAT AND YOU
CERTAINLY KNOW THEM PROBABLY BETTER THAN I BUT THIS IS A
PRIORITY. WE HAVE SEEN AN INFUSION OF THE DEPUTIES GRADUATING
FROM THE ACADEMY, GOING INTO CUSTODY AND COMING TO PATROL AND
I KNOW YOU GET THAT REPORT, AS WE DO, ON A MONTHLY BASIS. BUT
THE FILLING OF VACANCIES AND FIELD OPERATIONS HAS BECOME A
PRIORITY FOR US, ALONG WITH OUR OTHERS BUT WE DON'T WANT TO GO
ANYWHERE-- WE'RE DIGGING OUT RIGHT NOW. WE'RE AT ABOUT 18%
ACROSS THE BOARD VACANT.

17

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THIS PAST JUNE, WE APPROVED 58 LAW
ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIANS TO FREE UP SWORN PERSONNEL FOR PATROL.
COULD YOU UPDATE US ON THE STATUS OF YOUR RECRUITMENT EFFORTS
FOR THESE TECHNICIANS?

22

MARV CAVANAUGH: I CAN GIVE YOU THE MOUNTAINS, MR. MAYOR. WE
ARE A DIFFICULT TIME GETTING THE LETS HIRED. IT'S ONE OF THOSE
POSITIONS THAT'S 7 DAYS A WEEK, IT'S SHIFT WORK, IT'S TUESDAYS



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1 AND WEDNESDAYS OFF. WE HAVE TASKED OUR CAPTAINS AND, OF
2 COURSE, OUR PERSONNEL BUREAU IS TRYING TO MOUNT AN AGGRESSIVE
3 RECRUITMENT DRIVE TO GET THESE ITEMS FINISHED. ONE OF THE
4 THINGS THAT WE'RE ENTERTAINING IS TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS.
5 WHAT WE DO NOW, WHEN YOU TEST FOR A POSITION WITH OUR
6 DEPARTMENT, YOU TEST FOR DEPUTY SHERIFF, YOU TAKE ANOTHER TEST
7 FOR A CUSTODY ASSISTANT, YOU TAKE ANOTHER TEST FOR A LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN, ALL CRITICAL POSITIONS. MANY, MANY
9 YEARS AGO, WE HAD ONE TEST AND YOU TOOK THAT TEST AND, AT A
10 CERTAIN LEVEL, DEPENDING WHAT YOU SCORED, YOU COULD BE A
11 DEPUTY SHERIFF, YOU COULD BE A MARSHAL AND WE HAD A DEPARTMENT
12 WHERE YOU COULD BE A CORRECTIONS OFFICER. SO WE'RE WORKING IN
13 THAT DIRECTION SO THAT WE GET THEM IN THE HOUSE, WE CAN OFFER
14 THEM A JOB EVEN IF THEY WANT TO BE A DEPUTY BUT THEY MISS IT
15 BY TWO POINTS, THEY CAN MAYBE BE A C.A. OR A LET.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN YOU DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF
18 SERVICES FOR AN INCORPORATED AREA, WHAT TYPE OF CRITERIA DO
19 YOU USE OR LIST THE FACTORS THAT SERVICE THE BASIS FOR THE
20 RECOMMENDATIONS YOU WOULD MAKE TO THE CITY?

21

22 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** WE LOOK AT SERVICE TO MEN VERY CLOSELY AND
23 SERVICE TO MEN WOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE CALLS FOR SERVICE
24 BUT THE OBSERVATION ACTIVITY. WE ALSO LOOK AT CRIME,
25 CERTAINLY. WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING WITH YOUR STAFF A SECOND



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1 PHASE OF YOUR MOTION, WHICH IS TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT WHAT
2 RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE FOR ENHANCED COUNTY PATROL, IT WAS
3 SUGGESTED, DO YOU HAVE A FORMULA? AND, VERY HONESTLY, WE DO
4 NOT, BUT WE ARE GOING TO PUT ONE TOGETHER SOMEHOW. CONTRACT
5 LAW IS GOING TO TAKE THE LEAD ON THAT. WHEN WE DO MERGER,
6 WE'VE DONE A FEW IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, THERE IS A FOOTPRINT
7 THAT THEY USE TO DECIDE, OKAY, WHAT IS THE ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF
8 SERVICE? MUCH LIKE WE TREAT OUR CONTRACT CLIENTS. SO, AS WE
9 MOVE FORWARD IN THAT PROJECT, WE HOPE TO PUT THAT FORMULA
10 TOGETHER SO THAT IT-- IT'S MORE THAN JUST, WELL, WE WANT THIS.
11 WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND EXPLAIN WHY THE NEED, RESPONSE TIMES,
12 THINGS LIKE THAT, GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. MY COUNTERPART HERE, AS
13 YOU KNOW, WITH THE NORTH COUNTY, THAT IS UNIQUE IN ITSELF,
14 JUST GETTING FROM CALL TO CALL WITH THE DISTANCE BETWEEN
15 CALLS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT
18 WE HAVE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE AUTHORED A MOTION AND
19 I'LL CALL UPON SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** WE JUST HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU
22 BRING IN THE MOTION.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SURE, SURE, SURE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** IF I UNDERSTAND THE EQUAL VACANCY FACTOR BUT, YOU
2 KNOW, HOW DO THESE SPECIAL UNITS PLAY INTO ALL THIS? AS AN
3 EXAMPLE, THE COPS DEPUTY THAT I UNDERSTAND MAY BE MOVED UNDER,
4 YOU KNOW, COMMAND FROM INDIVIDUAL STATIONS. ONCE THE
5 DEPARTMENT CATCHES UP, HOW DOES THAT WORK INTO ALL THIS?

6

7 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** GOOD QUESTION. THIS PARTICULAR RESPONSE TO
8 YOUR MOTION DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO
9 ANSWER CALLS FOR SERVICE. IT IS NOT ON THE SUPPORT SITE OF THE
10 HOUSE. AN EXAMPLE, SUPERVISOR, WOULD BE A CITY WHO MIGHT HAVE
11 A SEVEN MAN ESSAY OR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OFFICER TEAM, WHICH
12 ARE COPS DEPUTIES. THAT DATA IS NOT HERE. SO I GUESS THE
13 ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION WOULD BE, THERE IS NO DIRECT IMPACT
14 OTHER THAN WHAT-- HOW THEY'RE DOING THEIR WORK AND I COULD
15 DEFER TO CHIEF WILLIAMS AS FAR AS HOW HE BRIEFS THE BOARD ON
16 WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, I THINK THAT NUMBER IS IMPORTANT
19 BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, I'M NOT SURE OF THE OTHER MEMBERS BUT OUR
20 UNINCORPORATED FOLKS ARE COMPLAINING BECAUSE THE COPS
21 DEPUTIES, YOU KNOW, TELL THEM, HEY, YOU KNOW, THAT'S SUCH AN
22 IMPORTANT PART IN SOME OF THESE UNINCORPORATED AREAS BUT THEY
23 CAN'T STAY THERE. I MEAN, THEY'RE MOVED AROUND, SO THAT
24 FAMILIARITY, THE REAL PURPOSE OF A COPS DEPUTY, KNOWING THE
25 NEIGHBORHOOD, KNOWING THE BEAT, YOU KNOW, THAT ALL KIND OF



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1 THING, WE'VE GOT THE TOWN SHERIFFS OUT THERE, YOU KNOW, HAS AN
2 IMPACT ON THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES, AND THEIR, YOU KNOW,
3 ABILITY TO GET OUT AND JUST BE PUSHED SOMEPLACE ELSE IMPACTS
4 THE QUALITY OF SERVICE THAT WE GET IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

5

6 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** AND I AGREE. AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE WORKING VERY
7 HARD TO FILL OUT THAT ENTIRE TEAM. RIGHT NOW, IT'S A GOOD UNIT
8 BUT IT'S SMALL AND, AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE COUNTY IS LARGE. WE
9 CAN CERTAINLY...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THE FILL OUT PART BUT WHAT ABOUT THE
12 MOVEMENT PART?

13

14 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** WELL, I'LL DEFER THAT TO CHIEF WILLIAMS HERE,
15 IT'S IN HIS COMMAND.

16

17 **CHIEF RON WILLIAMS:** RIGHT NOW, SUPERVISOR, THE TEAM IS SMALL
18 BUT IT IS GROWING. ONCE UPON A TIME, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA
19 KNOWS, WE HAD A LOT OF COPS DEPUTIES AND THE PURPOSE OF THE
20 COPS TEAM IS FAMILIARITY, QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES AND THE BE IN
21 ONE PLACE AND TO TARGET ONE SQUARE MILE AREAS AND DEAL WITH
22 THOSE ISSUES. WE ARE GETTING BACK TO THIS AS WE GROW AND THEN
23 WE'LL HAVE OTHER TEAMS THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO ROVE AND THOSE
24 WILL BE ROVING TEAMS AND WE'LL HAVE STANDARDIZED TEAMS THAT
25 STAY IN THE AREA FOR SIGNIFICANT PERIODS OF TIME SO THEY CAN



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1 GET TO KNOW THE NEIGHBORS AND THE COMMUNITY AND DEAL WITH
2 THOSE QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THE INTENT IS EVENTUALLY THEN TO GET TO
5 PERMANENT TEAMS IN PARTICULAR AREAS, UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND
6 STILL HAVE ROVING TEAMS SERVING AS OVERALL BACKUP, IS THAT IT?

7

8 **RON WILLIAMS:** YES, SIR.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW ABOUT-- YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE
11 ALREADY DOING IT OR MAYBE YOU CAN ADD A SECTION IN FRONT OF
12 EACH OF THE MONTHLY DEPLOYMENT REPORTS THAT INDICATES THE
13 NUMBER OF NEW HIRES THAT ARE GRADUATING FROM THE ACADEMY AND
14 WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE BEING ASSIGNED, AS WELL AS WHAT UNIT OF
15 FUNCTION THEY'RE GOING TO BE PERFORMING IN THEIR NEWLY
16 ASSIGNED AREAS.

17

18 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** WE CAN DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WOULD BE GOOD. I JUST, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY,
21 THE COPS TEAM IS AN IMPORTANT PART, PARTICULARLY SINCE WE
22 BROUGHT BACK TOWN SHERIFFS AND THEY DO GREAT WORK BUT, YOU
23 KNOW, YOU CAN'T HAVE THEM DO GREAT WORK FOR FOUR WEEKS AT A
24 TIME AND THEN MOVE ON SOMEPLACE ELSE AND IT'S HAVING AN IMPACT
25 IN DELIVERY OF SERVICE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THEN
3 SUPERVISOR BURKE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. WELL, LET ME JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE IN
6 EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THAT BUT HOPEFULLY WE GET TO A POINT.
7 IF A COPS TEAM IS GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE, WE KNOW THEY NEED TO
8 GET TO KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WE, TOO, HAVE BEEN CONCERNED
9 WITH THE KIND OF MOVEMENT THAT GOES ON. BUT I THINK THAT, FOR
10 THE MOST PART, WE HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY PLEASED WITH THE WORK
11 THAT YOU'VE ALL DONE AS PART OF THE SHERIFF'S TEAM AND TRYING
12 TO BRING EQUITY. AND YOU JUST SAID THE GOLDEN WORDS AND THAT
13 IS THAT WE WANT TO TREAT THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS JUST LIKE WE
14 TREAT THE COUNTY, THE CONTRACT, CITY CONTRACTS AND THAT'S ALL
15 WE'VE EVER WANTED, IS WE'VE WANTED A FAIR SHARE AND EQUITY
16 ACROSS THE BOARD. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN THERE ARE
17 VACANCIES, AS MANY AS WE HAVE THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT,
18 UNFORTUNATELY, THAT THAT BURDEN IS ALSO SHARED, WHETHER IT BE
19 WITH NOT JUST THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS BUT THE CITIES AS WELL.
20 SO WE'RE VERY PLEASED. NOW, I'M NOT GOING TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS
21 I THINK THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ASKED. BUT WE DO HAVE A MOTION
22 THAT WE WANT TO INTRODUCE AND THIS IS BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
23 AND MYSELF. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, THIS BOARD HAS WORKED WITH THE
24 SHERIFF TO IMPROVE PATROL LEVELS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.
25 THE SHERIFF HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS THE PATROL



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1 VACANCY FACTOR BY DISTRIBUTING THE CURRENT PATROL VACANCIES
2 BETWEEN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE CONTRACT CITIES
3 EQUALLY. THE NEW FIELD OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE, WHICH TOOK EFFECT
4 ON JULY 11TH, ALSO CALLS FOR THE USE OF OVERTIME TO EQUITABLY
5 FILL THE VACANCIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE
6 CONTRACT CITIES TO ENSURE THAT THE PATROL OBLIGATIONS TO THE
7 UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE CITIES ARE GIVEN EQUAL PRIORITY.
8 SINCE JULY, THE SHERIFF HAS ISSUED MONTHLY REPORTS CALLED THE
9 PATROL DEPLOYMENT REPORT, INITIATIVELY CALLED THE PATROL
10 EQUITY PLAN, TO KEEP THE BOARD ABREAST OF THE NUMBER OF PATROL
11 VACANCIES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE VACANCIES. THE SHERIFF
12 ALSO RECOMMENDED MONITORING THE NEW DIRECTIVE OVER A PERIOD OF
13 MONTHS TO DETERMINE ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND TO IMPROVE THE
14 PATROL LEVELS. ADDITIONALLY, IN RESPONSE TO THE BOARD'S DESIRE
15 TO ENTER INTO AN MOA ON JULY 11TH, THE SHERIFF INDICATED THAT
16 A MOA WOULD BE PREMATURE UNTIL THE NEW DIRECTIVE HAS BEEN
17 SUFFICIENTLY ASSESSED, ANALYZED AND TRACKED FOR A PERIOD OF
18 TIME. TO DATE, WE'VE RECEIVED VERY LIMITED INFORMATION. WE
19 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUEST THE
20 SHERIFF TO REVIEW THE CURRENT UNINCORPORATED DEPLOYMENT FORMS
21 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR EACH OF THE
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF BUDGETED
23 POSITIONS IN THE SHERIFF'S PATROL DEPLOYMENT REPORT AND TO
24 PROVIDE COPIES OF THE FORMS TO THE BOARD, HOPEFULLY IN TWO
25 WEEKS, IF YOU CAN, TO DEVELOP A SINGLE MONTHLY REPORT THAT



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1 COMBINES THE PATROL AREA STATISTICAL SUMMARY AND THE PATROL
2 DEPLOYMENT REPORT TO STREAMLINE THE INFORMATION SHARING AND TO
3 PREVENT REDUNDANCY. WE THINK THIS WILL HELP US TO BETTER
4 UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE EQUITY ASPECTS OF IT ALL BUT WE REALLY
5 APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING UP TO DATE AND WE
6 REALLY WANT TO COMMEND THE SHERIFF FOR JOINING US IN THIS KIND
7 OF PARTNERSHIP. WE THINK, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT REALLY
8 PROVIDES PROTECTION, BETTER PROTECTION FOR ALL OF THE
9 RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY AND, REALLY, WE ALL PAY THE SAME
10 TAXES AND WE ALL SHOULD BE SHARING IN THE SAME KIND OF
11 PROTECTION FROM OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE
12 YOUR EFFORTS SO FAR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL SECOND THAT. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M AFTER SUPERVISOR BURKE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK THIS IS A VERY BIG STEP AND VERY IMPORTANT
19 FOR US TO GET THESE KIND OF REPORTS. THE ONE THING THAT WE'RE
20 NOT REALLY SURE ABOUT IS THE BASELINE NUMBER IN THE
21 UNINCORPORATED AREA AND, IN PART OF THAT REPORT, IT WOULD BE
22 VERY HELPFUL IF WE COULD FIND OUT THE KEY FACTORS THAT ARE
23 UTILIZED IN SETTING THE BASELINE. NOW, I KNOW, IN THE CONTRACT
24 CITIES, THEY HAVE-- THEY NEGOTIATE THEIR BASELINES BUT, IN
25 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THERE'S NOT A NEGOTIATION PROCESS. IT'S



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1 A MATTER OF THE BASELINE IS DETERMINED. I ASSUME THAT THE
2 CRIME FACTORS AND SOME OF THESE OTHER THINGS ARE TAKEN INTO
3 CONSIDERATION IN THE BASELINE BUT IF YOU COULD SET FORTH AND
4 GIVE US THAT INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT. NOW, I HAVE TO SHARE
5 ONE THING WITH YOU AND I THINK THAT CHIEF WILLIAMS MAY HAVE
6 HAD A CHANCE TO OBSERVE SOME OF THIS. ONE OF OUR AREAS IN OUR
7 DISTRICT WAS GOING THROUGH A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE ISSUE LEADING
8 TO ANNEXATION AND I WAS VERY SURPRISED THAT THE A.L.A.D.S.
9 TOOK A POSITION THAT THEY WERE SUPPORTING THE SPHERE OF
10 INFLUENCE WITH THE IDEA THAT THEY WERE SUPPORTING ANNEXATION
11 TO A CITY. NOW, THE REASON THEY GAVE WAS THAT THE CONTRACT
12 DEPUTIES HAD A BETTER SITUATION AND THAT THEY WERE ALWAYS
13 COVERED IN TERMS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE ILL AND IF THERE WAS A
14 DEPUTY WHO WAS ILL IN THE CONTRACT CITIES, THEY WERE
15 SUBSTITUTED IN, EVEN IF IT WAS NECESSARY TO TAKE THEM FROM THE
16 INCORPORATED SO THAT THEY FELT THAT IT WAS A BETTER TYPE OF
17 SERVICE IN THE CONTRACT THAN IN UNINCORPORATED. WOULD YOU HAVE
18 ANY COMMENT ON THAT? OF WHY THE DEPUTIES WOULD TAKE THAT
19 POSITION?

20

21 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE ALSO
22 VISITED JUST THAT ISSUE WITH THE INJURED ON DUTY. FOR THE
23 LONGEST TIME, THERE HAS BEEN THE STRONG BELIEF THAT, IF A
24 CONTRACT CAR DEPUTY GETS HURT, THAT THAT CONTRACT ITEM IS
25 GOING TO GO OUT HOWEVER. AND IT DID. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU



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1 THAT, IN COUNTY COMMUNITIES, NO CAPTAIN ON THIS DEPARTMENT
2 WOULD PUT OUT A FIELD FORCE DEPLOYMENT THAT WAS UNSAFE. BUT
3 HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS. BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS
4 EXERCISE, WE HAVE REVISITED OUR OVERTIME TRACKING POLICIES AND
5 WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO SEND IT OUT TOMORROW, THAT WE ARE
6 GOING TO TRACK THIS VERY, VERY CLOSELY BECAUSE WE WILL DO--
7 THERE'S A SECTION FOR IT, WE WILL CAPTURE IT AND THE CONTRACT
8 CITIES WILL RECOVER THOSE COSTS WHEN THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
9 REVIEWS THOSE NUMBERS. SO IT'S A GOOD QUESTION, IT'S A
10 PERCEPTION. THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE THAT AND PUSH IT OFF THE
11 PLATE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I'M ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS OF MY PERCEPTION BUT
14 THEN WHEN THE DEPUTIES HAVE THAT PERCEPTION, IT GETS TO BE A
15 DIFFERENT MATTER, SO I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT MATERIAL.

16

17 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. AS AN EXAMPLE, GOING BACK TO THIS EQUAL
22 STAFFING AND MY CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU REPORT COPS
23 DEPUTIES OR YOU DON'T, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO AND
24 FROM AN EQUITY STANDPOINT AS AN EXAMPLE, DIAMOND BAR IN
25 ROWLAND HEIGHTS CONTIGUOUS AREAS, THE CITY OF DIAMOND BAR



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1 INCORPORATED, ROWLAND HEIGHTS UNINCORPORATED, BASICALLY, THE
2 SAME POPULATION BUT THERE IS A SEVEN DEPUTY DISCREPANCY IN
3 COVERAGE AND IT MIGHT BE THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE EQUITABLE IF
4 INCLUDING SOME OF THE COPS TEAMS IN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS-- I
5 JUST DON'T KNOW BUT THAT'S-- YOU KNOW, WHEN WE LOOK FOR
6 EQUITY, I MEAN, THAT'S-- PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT
7 CONTIGUOUS NEIGHBORS LIKE THIS. YOU KNOW, THAT'S NOT VERY
8 EQUITABLE.

9

10 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** AND I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT AND WE CAN
11 CERTAINLY TAKE A LOOK AT INTEGRATING THOSE MORE CLOSELY,
12 ALIGNED WITH ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE HERE, CONTRACT
13 CITIES AND COUNTY COMMUNITIES AND ADD IN COPS, IF THAT'S WHAT
14 YOU'RE ASKING BUT I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THE EFFORT HERE...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT ASKING TO ADD ANYTHING, I WANT THE
17 COVERAGE. BUT IT MAY BE THAT PART OF THE COVERAGE IS THE COPS
18 DEPUTIES AND THAT'S NOT INCLUDED AND THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN
19 THE DIAMOND BAR COUNT. I DON'T KNOW. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
20 BREAKOUT NUMBER IS.

21

22 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT-- AND THIS IS IN MY
23 STATION AREA, THERE ARE NO COPS RESOURCES WHICH THE WALNUT
24 STATION HAS A TEAM THERE. THEY ARE NOT FACTORED INTO THIS



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1 DATA, NOR ARE THEY AT NORWALK, NOR AT EAST L.A. OR ANY OF THE
2 OTHER STATIONS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I'M JUST SAYING THEN, FOR EQUAL POPULATION AND
5 ACTUALLY ROWLAND HEIGHTS HAS MORE SQUARE MILES THAN DIAMOND
6 BAR, THERE'S AN INEQUITY THERE BETWEEN INCORPORATED AND
7 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND SO I'D SORT OF LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S
8 INSIDE BOTH OF THOSE NUMBERS.

9

10 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** ALL RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THE OTHER THING, ARE YOU-- I KNOW WITH
13 EVERYTHING ELSE GOING ON AND ALL THE HIRING AND EVERYTHING
14 ELSE, ARE YOU LOOKING-- I KNOW, OUT IN OUR AREA, WE HAVE THE
15 HIGHWAY PATROL, WHICH, YOU KNOW, HAS CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES
16 FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND CERTAIN AREAS IN THE STREETS. ARE WE
17 LOOKING AT SOME POTENTIAL TRAFFIC UNITS, PARTICULARLY IN THE
18 DIAMOND BAR, HACIENDA HEIGHTS? WE GET A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT
19 THAT.

20

21 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY COMMUNITIES?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** YES.

24



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1 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** WE JUST FINISHED A COM STAT, WHICH WE DO
2 SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** A WHAT?

5

6 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** WE CALL IT COM STAT, WHERE WE GO IN WITH THE
7 ASSISTANT SHERIFF AND WE BASICALLY IDENTIFY ISSUES, SO ON AND
8 SO FORTH. WE ARE GOING TO, AT THE DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT
9 SHERIFF CAMPBELL, DO JUST THAT. TRADITIONALLY, WE HAVE NOT HAD
10 A TRAFFIC-BASED PROGRAM IN COUNTY COMMUNITIES. WE'RE GOING TO
11 LIAISON WITH CHP BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE PRIMARY BUT WE ALL KNOW
12 THAT THEY DON'T GET INSIDE THE COMMUNITY. THEY'RE ON THE MAIN
13 HIGHWAYS. SO THAT IS A PRIORITY. WE'RE GOING TO WORK ON IT.
14 OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL INCLUDE, WHEN WE START, YOU KNOW,
15 JUST HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS ON WHAT ENHANCED PATROL MIGHT
16 INCLUDE, A TRAFFIC PROGRAM.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** GREAT. SO CAN I PUT OUT A PRESS RELEASE AND PUT
19 YOU ON RECORD?

20

21 **MARV CAVANAUGH:** THAT WOULD BE YOUR CALL, BOSS. [LIGHT
22 LAUGHTER]

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? OKAY. THE MOTION
2 IS SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. GOOD REPORT.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, COULD WE DO ITEM 25-E, DIRECTOR OF
8 HEALTH SERVICES REPORT ON METROCARE PLAN NEXT?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. DR. CHERNOF.

11

12 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, SUPERVISORS. I WANTED
13 TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE SINCE MY
14 PRESENTATION TO YOUR BOARD LAST WEEK. I HAVE THREE KEY THINGS
15 I'D LIKE TO COVER WITH YOU THIS MORNING, THIS AFTERNOON. THE
16 FIRST IS, BASED ON THE GUIDANCE I RECEIVED FROM YOUR BOARD, I-
17 - THE DEPARTMENT HAS FORMALLY FORWARDED THE METRO CARE PLAN TO
18 C.M.S. FOR REVIEW. WE HAVE RECEIVED EMAIL CONFIRMATION THAT
19 THEY'RE REVIEWING IT AND WORKING ON IT AND WE'VE HAD DIALOGUE
20 AT MULTIPLE LEVELS WITH C.M.S. ABOUT THE PLAN ITSELF. SECOND
21 THING I WANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION IS THAT I'VE WORKED
22 CLOSELY WITH THE STATE AND AM PLEASED TO HAVE RECEIVED A COPY
23 OF A LETTER THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS SENT TO THE HONORABLE MIKE
24 LEVITT AND, IF IT'S OKAY, I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY READ THAT LETTER



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1 BECAUSE IT'S NOT ALL THAT LONG AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
2 US...

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S A GREAT LETTER.

5

6 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** ...HEAR THE KEY POINTS. DEAR MR. SECRETARY,
7 I AM WRITING IN REGARD TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.-CHARLES R.
8 DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND OUR COMMON INTEREST IN MAINTAINING
9 ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES THAT MEET FEDERAL AND STATE
10 PATIENT SAFETY STANDARDS. TOWARD THAT END, I WRITE TO REQUEST
11 THAT YOU EXTEND THE NOVEMBER 30TH, 2006, EFFECTIVE DATE OF
12 MEDICARE TERMINATION IN A MANNER THAT PROVIDES FOR NO BREAK IN
13 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE HOSPITAL. IN ADDITION, I ASK FOR YOUR
14 SUPPORT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR TRANSITIONAL
15 FUNDING FOR THE K.D.M.C. RESTRUCTURING PLAN RECENTLY APPROVED
16 BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ON OCTOBER
17 17TH, 2006, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
18 APPROVED A SIGNIFICANT RESTRUCTURING PLAN FOR K.D.M.C. THIS
19 PLAN REPRESENTS THE TYPE OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE THAT
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND
21 MEDICAID SERVICES, C.M.S., HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR. IT WILL
22 ENSURE PATIENT SAFETY, IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE, AND
23 PRESERVE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES. THE CHANGES
24 EMBODIED IN THE COUNTY PLAN ARE FAR REACHING AND PROVIDE THE
25 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE COUNTY'S



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1 COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT MAJOR REFORMS AND ENSURE K.D.M.C.
2 OPERATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH C.M.S. CONDITIONS OF
3 PARTICIPATION. ALL THE SAME, GIVEN THE SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF
4 THE CHANGES CALLED FOR, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY HAVE
5 SUFFICIENT TIME AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT THE
6 TRANSITION PLAN TO THE NEWLY CONFIGURED K.D.M.C. IS A
7 SUCCESSFUL ONE. I AM THEREFORE REQUESTING THAT THE C.M.S.
8 EXTEND ITS MEDICARE CERTIFICATION OF K.D.M.C. BEYOND NOVEMBER
9 30, 2006. SUCH AN EXTENSION CAN BE STRUCTURED TO ENSURE THE
10 COUNTY MEETS THE NECESSARY MILESTONES ASSOCIATED WITH
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE K.D.M.C. RESTRUCTURING PLAN, WHILE
12 MAINTAINING THE FEDERAL FUNDING THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE
13 CONTINUED DELIVERY OF SERVICES. IN ADDITION, I'M REQUESTING
14 THAT C.M.S. LOOK FAVORABLY UPON LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S REQUEST
15 FOR \$50 MILLION TO SUPPORT TRANSITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
16 THE K.D.M.C. RESTRUCTURING. THIS TRANSITION FUNDING CAN BE
17 PROVIDED BY AN AMENDMENT TO CALIFORNIA'S EXISTING 1115
18 HOSPITAL DEMONSTRATION WAIVER TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF A
19 PORTION OF THE EXISTING \$360 MILLION IN WAIVER FUNDING THAT IS
20 CURRENTLY CONDITIONED UPON THE EXPANSION OF MEDI-CAL MANAGED
21 CARE. AMENDING THIS WAIVER TO USE THIS FUNDING FOR TRANSITION
22 COSTS WOULD BE BUDGET NEUTRAL TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND
23 WOULD ALLOW TRANSITION FUNDING SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS RECENTLY
24 APPROVED BY C.M.S. FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK. AS YOU MAY BE
25 AWARE, THE COUNTY HAS SCHEDULED MANDATORY PUBLIC HEARINGS ON



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1 NOVEMBER 6TH, 2006, WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE
2 CHANGES TO K.D.M.C. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY BE
3 INFORMED OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST
4 FOR CONTINUED MEDICARE FUNDING AND FOR TRADITIONAL SUPPORT
5 PRIOR TO THESE HEARINGS. TO DATE, THE C.M.S. REGION 9 OFFICE,
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAVE WORKED
7 CONSTRUCTIVELY AND COLLABORATIVELY TO ASSIST THE COUNTY IN ITS
8 EFFORTS TO RESTRUCTURE K.D.M.C. TO MEET FEDERAL STANDARDS. WE
9 BELIEVE THE COUNTY HAS RESPONDED TO THE PROSPECT OF MEDICARE
10 TERMINATION WITH A FUNDAMENTAL FAR REACHING RECONFIGURATION OF
11 K.D.M.C. THAT WILL ENSURE ITS ABILITY TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL
12 SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY.
13 OUR EFFORTS TODAY TO ENSURE THAT THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF
14 MEDICAL SERVICES TO THIS COMMUNITY WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
15 YEARS TO COME. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE
16 EXTENSION OF MEDICARE TERMINATION BEYOND NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND
17 THE REQUEST FOR TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT. MY ADMINISTRATION IS
18 COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU AND OUR COUNTY
19 PARTNERS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL
20 SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AND IT'S SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR. SO
21 THAT'S THE SECOND THING I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION. I
22 THINK THAT'S GOOD NEWS AND IS STRONG SUPPORT FOR WHERE WE'RE
23 GOING. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, AS WE'VE ALL TALKED
24 ABOUT, BUT THIS IS A GOOD SUPPORT AT THE STATE LEVEL. THE LAST
25 THING I NEED TO BRING YOUR BOARD UP TO SPEED ON IS THAT, SINCE



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1 OUR LAST DISCUSSION ON TUESDAY LAST WEEK, DREW UNIVERSITY HAS
2 PROVIDED TO MY OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY COPIES OF DOCUMENTS THAT
3 THEY SENT TO THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GRADUATE MEDICAL
4 EDUCATION, A.C.G.M.E. A.C.G.M.E. IS THE ACCREDITING BODY FOR
5 RESIDENCY EDUCATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. A.C.G.M.E. HAD SENT A
6 LETTER TO DREW UNIVERSITY AFTER-- SUBSEQUENT TO THE RECEIPT OF
7 THE C.M.S. LETTER REQUIRING DREW TO PUT TOGETHER AN
8 EXPLANATION FOR HOW RESIDENCIES WOULD BE SUPPORTED SHOULD
9 FUNDING BE PULLED ON NOVEMBER 30TH. THE UNIVERSITY RESPONDED
10 WITH A COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT THAT INVOLVED ALL 15 PROGRAMS,
11 AS WELL AS A COVER LETTER DESCRIBING THE OVERALL TRANSITION.
12 THEY DID RESPOND IN A WAY THAT PROPOSED THAT THEY WOULD
13 TRANSITION RESIDENTS EFFECTIVE 12/1. THEY EXPECT TO HEAR BACK,
14 I BELIEVE, BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. THE IMPLICATIONS ON
15 RESIDENCY TRAINING AND STAFFING ARE NOT YET KNOWN BECAUSE WHAT
16 IS UNCLEAR IS WHETHER A.C.G.M.E. WOULD ALLOW ANY TRANSITIONAL
17 STAFFING CONSISTENT WITH THE METRO CARE PLAN. WE'RE COMMITTED
18 TO WORKING WITH DREW UNIVERSITY ON TRANSITION IF A.C.G.M.E.
19 ALLOWS IT AND WE APPRECIATE DREW'S EFFORTS IN THAT RESPECT.
20 AND I WANT YOUR BOARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE DOING
21 APPROPRIATE CONTINGENCY PLANNING SHOULD WE NOT HAVE RESIDENTS
22 AVAILABLE. AND I'LL BE BACK TO YOUR BOARD WITH SUBSEQUENT
23 INFORMATION WHEN IT BECOMES CLEAR FROM A.C.G.M.E. WHERE WE
24 ACTUALLY ARE ON THIS ISSUE. THOSE ARE MY THREE UPDATES FOR
25 YOUR BOARD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT TO SAY IT GREAT THAT THE STATE
5 MENTIONED THAT DUE DATE BECAUSE IT REALLY IS IMPORTANT.
6 HOPEFULLY, THEY'RE GETTING THE MESSAGE.

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I AGREE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** VERY GOOD. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
11 AWARD FOR OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER, DR. CHERNOF, LAST FRIDAY.
12 OKAY. SO WE HAVE A MOTION TO RECEIVE THE REPORT. OH, WE HAVE,
13 EXCUSE ME, DR. CLAVREUL.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM VERY PLEASED WITH THE LETTER FROM
17 THE GOVERNOR BUT IT IS, YOU KNOW, A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE
18 ELECTION. WHAT I AM CONCERNED IS THAT TODAY, I DIDN'T HEAR
19 NOTHING OF THE PLAN TO REALLY CORRECT ABOUT THE, YOU KNOW,
20 PROBLEM AT KING/DREW. ON A RECENT ARTICLE FROM THE L.A. TIMES,
21 SOME OF THE THINGS THEY POINT OUT ARE DRAMATIC. I MEAN, WE ARE
22 TALKING ABOUT FAILURE OF NURSING 101 AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
23 THAT AFTER ALMOST \$20 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT TO MAKE THOSE
24 CORRECTIONS. AND ONE OF THE ITEMS IS ABOUT A FORMULA, 66
25 BOTTLES OF BABY FORMULA IN THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT



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1 FOUND WITH EXPIRATION DATE. THE HOSPITAL OFFICIALS, THE PEOPLE
2 YOU JUST LISTENED TO A MINUTE AGO, SAY THAT'S NOT THEM TO BE
3 BLAMED, WE SHOULD BLAME HOUSEKEEPING. IT IS NOT HOUSEKEEPING
4 TO BE BLAMED FOR EXPIRATION OF FORMULA IN NEONATAL INTENSIVE
5 CARE. IT IS NURSING. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL NOT TRAINED IN
6 THE TELEMETRY UNIT, EMPLOYEES ARE NOT WASHING THEIR HANDS,
7 TEMPORARY NURSES ARE NOT TRAINED TO GIVE PAIN MEDICATION. I
8 MEAN, THE SAME PROBLEMS WE HAVE NOW IS THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE
9 HAD FOREVER AND, YOU KNOW, HERE YOU HAVE A NURSE FROM
10 FLAGSTAFF WHO HAD AN EXPIRED BADGE FOR ONE MONTH. I MEAN, WHAT
11 ABOUT SECURITY? YOU KNOW, SHE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EVEN
12 ALLOWED IN THE HOSPITAL, LESS IN THE UNIT. I MEAN, WE'RE
13 TALKING ABOUT DEFICIENCIES WHO ARE SO PROFOUND, THEY ARE
14 SCARY. AND IT SEEMS LIKE NOBODY, YOU KNOW, NOBODY CARES. LIKE
15 I SAID, IT IS WONDERFUL TO GET THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR BUT
16 PEOPLE ARE STILL SUBMITTED TO THE KIND OF CARE WE ARE HEARING
17 HERE ALL THE TIME AND I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT, YOU KNOW,
18 NOTHING IS GOING TO BE DONE, AS USUAL, AND MAYBE YOU ARE NOT
19 LISTENING BUT THE PUBLIC IS LISTENING. AND I THINK THE PUBLIC
20 IS ENTITLED TO APPROPRIATE CARE. YOU ARE HAVING ISSUES NOW WHO
21 ARE SO PRIMORDIAL AND SO BASIC OF ANY PRACTICE OF NURSING, IT
22 IS UNBELIEVABLE THAT IT IS HAPPENING IN A COUNTRY LIKE THE
23 U.S. THAT'S SUBSTANDARD CARE BY ANY NAME YOU WANT TO NAME IT.
24 AND THAT WE ARE, YOU KNOW, BRUSHING IT AWAY IS SCARY. IT IS
25 SCARY TO SEE PEOPLE FROM AROUND, YOU KNOW, KING/DREW SAID,



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1 WELL, THAT'S THE BEST CARE WE CAN RECEIVE. THEY SHOULD BE
2 ENTITLED TO THE SAME QUALITY OF CARE WE ALL ARE ENTITLED TO
3 RECEIVE AND SO I THINK, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, BACK ABOUT A
4 YEAR AGO, I PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ON CLEAN TO CLEAN, DIRTY TO
5 DIRTY. I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD THAT YOU PASS IT TO YOUR
6 EMPLOYEES, MAYBE THEY WOULD LEARN WHAT BASIC NURSING IS ALL
7 ABOUT. ALSO, IN ANOTHER ARTICLE PUBLISHED RECENTLY ON LATEX
8 ALLERGY, I WOULD ADVISE YOU TO GIVE IT TO YOUR EMPLOYEES IN
9 THE CAFETERIA WHO ARE USING LATEX GLOVES TO SERVE FOOD, AS
10 WELL AS YOUR SHERIFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. ARNOLD SACHS.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK
15 YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING ME HERE. I'D LIKE TO ALSO SPEAK ON
16 COUNTY METRO CARE PLAN AND IT'S VERY UPSETTING TO HEAR SOME OF
17 THE REMARKS MADE BY THE SUPERVISORS FROM LAST WEEK AND JUST
18 TODAY THAT IT WAS A CONTINGENCY PLAN AND THEN ONE OF THE
19 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS QUOTED AS "WE HAVE NO PLAN" AND
20 EVERYBODY ELSE IS GETTING THE MESSAGE. THE HOSPITAL WAS IN
21 DIRE STRAITS FOR AT LEAST THE LAST 10 YEARS. THE C.M.S. THAT'S
22 CHARGED WITH INSPECTING THE HOSPITAL TO MAINTAIN SOME KIND OF
23 ADEQUATE STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL CARE, I GUESS ALSO HAS THEIR
24 HAND ON THE MONEY FAUCET AND THEY FINALLY DECIDED THAT THE
25 ADEQUATE CARE THAT WAS NEVER FORTHCOMING, THEY CALLED YOUR



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1 BLUFF AND NOW YOU WANT EVERYBODY ELSE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
2 UNITED STATES, TO BAIL YOU OUT FOR NOT TAKING ANY ACTION FOR
3 THE LAST 10 YEARS. THE COST THAT WAS SPOKEN TO BY THE C.M.O.
4 WAS \$91 MILLION TO ACCOMMODATE 40% OF THE STAFF THAT'S LEFT AT
5 M.L.K. \$91 MILLION IS ALMOST HALF OF THE \$200 MILLION THAT
6 YOU'RE ASKING TO GET FROM C.M.S. IS THE MONEY FROM C.M.S. TO
7 BE USED TO PAY FOR SALARIES? WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER 60% OF THE
8 STAFF THAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THAT EQUATION? WHAT HAPPENS TO
9 THEM? BASICALLY, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PROBLEM OF-- EXCUSE ME
10 ONE SECOND WHILE I CHECK NOTES. I'M SORRY. THE COUNTY'S--
11 EXCUSE ME ONE SECOND. THE WAY THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES STAND--
12 EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, WHERE OLDER EMPLOYEES ARE-- EMPLOYEES WITH
13 LONGEVITY MAINTAIN THEIR STATUS QUO OR GET FIRST CHOICE IN
14 JOB. WHAT'S CHANGED IN THAT RELATIONSHIP THAT WOULD ALLOW YOU
15 TO ELIMINATE THOSE PROBLEM EMPLOYEES? ALSO, THERE WAS AN
16 ARTICLE STATING THAT COUNTY VOTERS APPROVED PROPERTY TAX HIKE
17 TO BAIL OUT THE COUNTY TRAUMA CENTER. THE COUNTY TRAUMA CENTER
18 AT M.L.K. WAS CLOSED IN 2004 YET I'M SURE THE MONEY WAS STILL
19 AVAILABLE FOR THE TRAUMA CENTER. WHERE DID THE MONEY GO TO
20 THAT WASN'T SPENT ON THE TRAUMA CENTER AT M.L.K.? LAST WEEK,
21 WE HEARD FROM A STATE SENATOR-- A STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
22 CONGRESS SAYING THAT SHE HAD THE EAR OF SOMEBODY IN CONGRESS--
23 IN C.M.A. IN WASHINGTON AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR
24 PUNKING HER OUT BY TELLING HER THAT YOU HAD THE EAR OF HER
25 REPLACEMENT. SO, I MEAN, IT'S THAT KIND OF RHETORIC THAT'S



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1 SENT OUT BY THE OFFICIALS THAT LEAVES PEOPLE WONDERING WHAT'S
2 REALLY GOING ON. BUT BACK TO THIS, WHY IS 13 HOSPITALS
3 INCLUDED IN THE TRAUMA CENTER TAX-- PROPERTY TAX HIKE
4 REVITALIZATION? WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING FOR M.L.K.? THE
5 HOSPITAL HAS BEEN OUT OF COMPLIANCE SINCE 2004. WHAT'S BEEN
6 DONE? PEOPLE ARE LISTENING. PEOPLE JUST AREN'T GETTING ANY
7 ANSWERS. ALL THAT'S HAPPENING IS WE'RE GETTING THE MONEY BUT
8 NOT SEEING ANY RESULTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM NUMBER 24.
11 LET'S DO 24 AND 25 TOGETHER.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE WE TAKING THAT TO CLOSED SESSION?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT THE REPORT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** 24?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 24.

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21 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
22 ITEM 24 IS THE REPORT OF THE LITIGATION COST MANAGER THAT IS
23 FILED WITH THE BUDGET EACH YEAR, PURSUANT TO YOUR BOARD'S
24 INSTRUCTIONS. BECAUSE IT IS SUBMITTED IN JUNE, IT IS
25 ESSENTIALLY A RECAP OF THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THE YEAR,



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1 TOGETHER WITH ANY ADDITIONAL DATA THAT CAN BE GATHERED UP TO
2 THE ACTUAL TIME OF THE REPORT. THE REPORT THAT WAS SUBMITTED
3 TO YOU IN JUNE AND HAS BEEN CONTINUED A COUPLE OF TIMES UNTIL
4 TODAY REPORTS ESSENTIALLY THAT RESULTS IN OUR LITIGATION
5 EFFORTS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN ON TRACK. WE HAVE BEEN GENERALLY
6 SUCCESSFUL IN FAVORABLY DISPOSING OF CASES THROUGH DISMISSAL
7 OR LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT. IT IS REPORTED THAT WE HAVE BEEN
8 HOLDING DOWN THE FEES OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND HOLDING DOWN
9 SETTLEMENTS AS WELL. THE REPORT DOES NOTE THAT THEY'RE-- UP
10 THROUGH THAT POINT IN TIME, HAD BEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN
11 AMOUNTS PAID ON JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS. THAT'S ACTUALLY A
12 CASH PAYMENT IN THE YEAR. THE REPORT DISCUSSES THE
13 IMPLEMENTATION OF FORMALIZED LITIGATION PROCEDURES THROUGH A
14 MEMORANDUM THAT I PROMULGATED IN MARCH OF 2006. THE REPORT
15 HIGHLIGHTS THAT THE PROCEDURES REQUIRE ROUNDTABLES TO BE
16 CONDUCTED AND THE FREQUENCY THAT THEY'RE TO BE CONDUCTED AND
17 NOTES THAT THERE HAS BEEN ADHERENCE TO THOSE PROCEDURES SINCE
18 THE PROMULGATION OF THE-- OF THEIR PROMULGATION. THE
19 LITIGATION COST MANAGEMENT REPORT, WHICH COMES FROM THE
20 LITIGATION COST MANAGER AND I, AS THE COUNTY COUNSEL, HAVE
21 EXPRESSED MY COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW ALL THESE PROCEDURES. WE'VE
22 TRIED TO FOLLOW THEM RIGOROUSLY. WE'RE TRYING TO SCHEDULE AND
23 HOLD MEANINGFUL ROUNDTABLES IN OUR LITIGATION, ALL AS REQUIRED
24 BY OUR PROCEDURES, INCLUDING OBTAINING OR PREPARING, WHETHER
25 IT'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL OR IN-HOUSE, LITIGATION BUDGETS AND



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1 EVALUATION PLANS FOR OUR CASES. THE NOTE ON THE INCREASE IN
2 CASH PAID IN THE FISCAL YEAR HAS RESULTED, AS WE HAVE SEEN, AS
3 REPORTED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR SUMMARY
4 REPORT TO YOU SUBSEQUENTLY, CASH PAYMENTS WERE ABOUT \$38
5 MILLION. THAT IS A LITTLE HIGHER THAN IT HAD BEEN IN PREVIOUS
6 YEARS AND IT IS ATTRIBUTABLE, IN THE MAIN, TO SETTLEMENT
7 ACTIVITIES, THE INCREASE TO SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES OCCURRING IN
8 PRIOR FISCAL YEARS. BECAUSE IT IS A CASH NUMBER, IT DOESN'T
9 TAKE ACCOUNT OF ACCRUALS AND SO INCLUDES, JUST LIKE OUR
10 PERSONAL CHECKBOOKS, PAYMENTS FOR OBLIGATIONS THAT AROSE IN
11 PRIOR TIMES. THE NUMBER ALSO INCLUDES A \$3.1 MILLION PAYMENT
12 IN THE RAMIREZ CASE, WHICH WAS SETTLED EARLIER IN THE YEAR
13 WITH YOUR BOARD'S AUTHORITY, AND A COUPLE MILLION DOLLARS IN
14 PAYMENTS OF ATTORNEY'S FEES IN THE HARRIS AND RODDY CASES.
15 THESE WERE PAYMENTS OF THE ATTORNEY'S FEES TO SETTLE THOSE
16 TWO-- IN FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THOSE TWO CASES. I WOULD SUBMIT
17 TO YOU THAT ANOTHER GOOD MEASURE TO LOOK AT AND, FRANKLY, A
18 BETTER MEASURE OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN A FISCAL YEAR IS THE
19 AMOUNT OF SETTLEMENTS THAT HAVE AGREED TO. WHAT WE'RE TRYING
20 TO MEASURE IS THE SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY THAT OCCURS IN A FISCAL
21 YEAR. AND THOSE SETTLEMENT NUMBERS FOR THIS YEAR JUST ENDED,
22 THE '05/'06 YEAR, ARE IN LINE WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN
23 EXPERIENCING OVER PAST YEARS. I BELIEVE IN '03/'04, THE NUMBER
24 WAS ABOUT 31-- 30.1 MILLION; IN '04/'05, 36.2 MILLION; AND FOR
25 '05/'06, 32.1 MILLION. AND I'D POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THAT



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1 NUMBER INCLUDES THE FULL \$9 MILLION, \$9.3 MILLION THAT WAS
2 AGREED TO BE PAID IN THE RAMIREZ CASE, ALTHOUGH 6.2 MILLION OF
3 IT WILL BE PAID IN TWO ADDITIONAL INSTALLMENTS IN THE NEXT TWO
4 FISCAL YEARS. SO I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ON TRACK. YOU HAVE MY
5 COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO STAY ON TRACK AND TO ADHERE TO OUR
6 PROCEDURES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. AND, AGAIN, IN THIS YEAR'S
11 REPORT, THERE SEEM TO BE SOME FORMAT CHANGES THAT WERE PUT IN
12 PLACE. AS WE COMPARED THIS YEAR'S REPORT TO LAST YEAR'S
13 REPORT, THERE WAS A NARRATIVE IN THE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR'S
14 REPORT THAT CREATED A CLEAR HISTORICAL CONTEXT COMPARING THE
15 YEAR'S LITIGATION COSTS TO THE PRIOR YEAR'S LITIGATION COSTS
16 AND THAT IS IN THERE IN MULTIPLE PLACES. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR'S
17 NARRATIVE CONTAINED ABSOLUTELY NO REFERENCE AT ALL TO PRIOR
18 YEARS AND THE LACK OF COMPARISON, I THINK, DOESN'T HELP US IF
19 WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE. IN FACT LAST
20 YEAR'S REPORT CLEARLY EXPLAINED THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO, FIRST
21 OF ALL, REPORT ON THE CURRENT YEAR'S COSTS AND, SECONDLY, TO
22 COMPARE THESE RESULTS TO THOSE OF THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE
23 LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR'S REPORT OMITTED THAT ENTIRELY AND I NEED
24 TO ASK WHY DID YOU OMIT THOSE COMPARISONS THAT WERE INCLUDED
25 IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT?



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2 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I AM
3 UNAWARE THAT THOSE WERE OMITTED. I DID NOT OMIT THEM AND, JUST
4 TO MAKE SURE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME DOCUMENT, ARE YOU
5 SPEAKING OF THE FOURTH QUARTER AND...

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS YEAR'S REPORT.

8

9 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ...YEAR SUMMARY OR THE LITIGATION
10 COST MANAGERS' REPORT?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS YEAR'S REPORT. IF YOU
13 COMPARE IT TO LAST YEAR'S REPORT, IT HAD THE COMPARATIVE AND
14 THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED THIS YEAR.

15

16 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE LITIGATION COST MANAGER OMITTED
17 THAT AND IT WAS NOT A DISCUSSION THAT I HAD WITH HIM. I
18 REALIZE THAT THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL AND IS SOMETHING THAT
19 WE WILL MAKE SURE IS THERE...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WILL YOU AMEND THE REPORT TO INCLUDE THAT?

22

23 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO IT WASN'T YOUR INTENTION TO EXCLUDE
2 IT?

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4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ABSOLUTELY NOT.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU DID SIGN THE REPORT. DID YOU READ IT?

7

8 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I DID.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT EXCLUDED THAT PORTION OF IT. IN THE SAME
11 WAY AS THERE WAS ALSO A FORMAT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR TO THIS
12 YEAR. BEFORE, WE HAD A COMPARISON TABLE THAT WAS PUT ON THERE
13 FOR US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT HAD BEEN THE PRIOR YEARS AS
14 COMPARED TO THIS YEAR. THIS YEAR, IT WAS DONE ON DIFFERENT
15 PAGES, SO YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH A SERIES OF CALCULATIONS
16 THROUGH THE EXHIBITS IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT THE
17 NUMBERS WERE WHICH, AGAIN, SOMEBODY CYNICALLY COULD SAY THAT
18 YOU'RE HIDING THE SPIKE THAT IS THERE BUT IS THERE A REASON
19 THAT YOU DECIDED NOT TO DO THE TABLE THAT WAS INCLUDED IN LAST
20 YEAR'S REPORT OVER THIS YEAR?

21

22 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, I'M NOT SURE WHICH TABLE YOU'RE
23 REFERRING TO. I'M NOT...

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT, THERE WAS A TABLE OF
2 COMPARISON SO THAT YOU HAD ALL OF THOSE ISSUES.

3

4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** OF THE CASH PAYMENTS? I BELIEVE
5 THAT'S EXHIBIT B IN THE REPORT AND THAT IS THERE THIS YEAR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IF YOU LOOK AT HOW IT'S DONE, LET ME SHOW
8 YOU...

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE SAID IT'S THERE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS THERE. PAGE 1, ONE PAGE. PAGE 2, ANOTHER
13 ONE. THERE IS NO CUMULATIVE TOTAL. I'M JUST ASKING, WHY IS
14 THERE A FORMAT CHANGE? SIMPLE QUESTION.

15

16 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ARE YOU REFERRING TO EXHIBIT B-1?
17 EXHIBIT B-1 DOES HAVE TOTALS ON THE FIRST OF THE TWO PAGES
18 THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT. IT'S BY FISCAL YEAR AND THE
19 LAST FISCAL YEAR SHOWN IS '05/'06 AND THAT WOULD BE THE YEAR
20 THAT THIS REPORT SPEAKS SPECIFICALLY TO. THE NEXT PAGE IS A
21 CARRYOVER...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR REPORT LAST YEAR,
24 JUST BY COMPARISON, LAST YEAR, THERE WAS IN THE NARRATIVE THAT
25 WAS PLACED ON THERE. NOW, WHAT YOU NEED TO DO, INSTEAD OF



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1 READING THE NARRATIVE, YOU GO OVER TO B AND YOU GO THROUGH
2 THOSE EXAMPLES. WHY DID YOU CHANGE THAT PORTION OF IT?

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4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, I HAVE NO REASON FOR THAT
5 BECAUSE I DID NOT CHANGE IT BUT THESE ARE THE KINDS OF
6 QUESTIONS THAT ARE-- NEED TO BE ANSWERED IN OUR REPORT, WHICH
7 WE HAVE INDICATED TO YOU WILL BE REFORMATTED. THE AIM IS TO
8 GIVE YOU A REPORT THAT DOESN'T GIVE RISE TO THESE QUESTIONS,
9 QUITE FRANKLY, THAT GIVES YOU THE INFORMATION IN A
10 COMPREHENSIVE AND READABLE FASHION AND ONE THAT YOU CAN FOLLOW
11 WITHOUT HAVING TO GO FROM AREA TO AREA.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THESE ARE NOT YOUR FORMAT CHANGES?

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15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THESE ARE NOT. AND SO, WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE
18 OF USING A CONSISTENT NUMBER, WE'VE BEEN USING ONE NUMBER
19 WHICH IS, QUOTE, THE ACTUAL JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS THAT ARE
20 PAID OUT.

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22 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE CASH PAID NUMBER IS, WE KNOW,
23 VERY ACCURATE. IT COMES FROM OUR FINANCIAL STAFF OUT OF OUR
24 SYSTEM AND SO WE KNOW THAT THOSE DOLLARS PAID ARE ACCURATE.
25 WHAT THE SHEER TOTAL DOES NOT TELL YOU IS, ALTHOUGH WE CAN RUN



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1 A COMPUTER RUN TO TELL YOU, BUT DOES NOT TELL YOU WHAT
2 OBLIGATIONS GO INTO MAKING UP THAT NUMBER AND, AS I'VE
3 INDICATED, SOME OF-- AND IN THIS CASE I BELIEVE THERE WERE A
4 FEW MILLION DOLLARS THAT WERE ACCRUED IN PRIOR FISCAL YEARS
5 THAT ARE IN THE CASH PAID NUMBER. SO THEY ARE NOT-- THEY'RE
6 NOT AN INDICATOR OF WHAT WE DID IN THE YEAR. THEY'RE AN
7 INDICATOR OF WHAT WE'VE PAID IN THE YEAR. OVER A 10-YEAR
8 PERIOD, THE CASH PAID, I WOULD THINK STATISTICALLY, WOULD BE
9 VERY MEANINGFUL. IF IT WENT BACK UP TO \$60 MILLION WHERE IT
10 WAS IN '01/'02, I BELIEVE, AND STAYED THERE, THERE WOULD BE A
11 REAL INDICATOR THAT SOMETHING WAS KEEPING COSTS FROM BEING
12 DRIVEN DOWN BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN AS LOW AS IN THE 20 MILLIONS.
13 BUT, FROM YEAR TO YEAR, IT IS NOT AS MEANINGFUL A NUMBER OF
14 THE ACTIVITIES REFLECTED IN THE YEAR AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO
15 REPORT TO YOU IN THIS DOCUMENT, WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR YOU
16 LATELY, IN A SENSE, IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I CAN APPRECIATE YOUR WANTING TO DO THAT
19 AND COMMUNICATE IT BUT I NOTICE THAT YOU DIDN'T EXPRESS IT
20 LAST YEAR WHEN I COMPLIMENTED YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE
21 OUTSTANDING JOB YOU DID IN KEEPING THOSE COST LITIGATION DOWN.
22 BUT IT IS INTERESTING THAT, THIS YEAR, WHILE THERE'S A PRETTY
23 LARGE SPIKE, THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE'S A PLAY WITHIN-- AS
24 TO WHAT IS THE STANDARD THAT IS BEING USED. AGAIN, WE'RE USING
25 THE SAME STANDARD AS MAJOR CORPORATIONS USE AND WE'VE LOOKED



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1 AT THOSE STANDARDS. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING XEROX, I.B.M.,
2 MICROSOFT ALWAYS USE THAT TO MEASURE WHAT THEIR COST
3 LITIGATION. THERE HAS TO BE A NUMBER THAT YOU USE
4 CONSISTENTLY. AND SO, LIKE I SAID, LAST YEAR, WHEN IT WAS
5 GOING AND TRENDING DOWN AND WE REVIEWED THIS REPORT, IF YOU
6 REMEMBER CORRECTLY, I COMPLIMENTED YOU AND THE STAFF ON THE
7 WORK THAT WAS BEING DONE. NOW THERE'S A SPIKE AND I CAN
8 UNDERSTAND THAT, I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT BUT YOU CAN'T DO IT
9 AFTER THE REPORT IS DUE. YOU SHOULD DO IT BEFOREHAND SO THAT
10 WE KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO RECEIVE THIS REPORT AND I THINK
11 THAT THAT'S A REAL ISSUE HERE AS TO THE FORMATTING OF THIS
12 REPORT AND THOSE ARE THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE. FOR MANY OF US,
13 IT IS DIFFICULT, THERE IS NO DOUBT. LITIGATION COSTS ARE GOING
14 TO VARY ALL OF THE TIME AND THERE ARE INDICATORS AND THERE ARE
15 INSTANCES WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THE SPIKES BUT, IF YOU'RE
16 GOING TO START CHANGING THOSE NUMBERS OR CHANGING THE FORMAT,
17 I THINK IT IS WORTHWHILE TO KNOW BEFOREHAND SO THAT YOU HAVE A
18 CLEAR APPRECIATION. BECAUSE, WHEN YOU HAVE A REPORT THAT'S
19 CONSISTENTLY BEING DONE IN ONE WAY, YOU EXPECT THE FOLLOWING
20 REPORT TO BE DONE THE SAME WAY. NO DIFFERENT THAN IF MR.
21 JANSSEN DECIDED TO CHANGE THE BUDGET AROUND IN A CERTAIN
22 FORMATTING FASHION, YOU'RE ACCUSTOMED TO SEEING IT IN A
23 CERTAIN WAY BUT, LATER ON, LET'S WORK IT AWAY A LITTLE
24 DIFFERENT, WHICH COULD BE DONE, BUT SOMEBODY'S GOT TO EXPLAIN
25 IT UP FRONT AND NOT ON THE DAY YOU RECEIVE THE REPORT.



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RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.: THAT IS VERY TRUE, SUPERVISOR, I
DISAGREE WITH YOU A HUNDRED PERCENT. WITH RESPECT TO THE KUDOS
FROM LAST YEAR, FRANKLY, I DID NOT KNOW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW
ABOUT HOW THESE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AND WHAT GOES INTO
THEM. AND, FRANKLY, BASED ON THE SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY THAT I
THOUGHT WAS THE CASE IN '04/'05, WE HAD APPARENTLY DONE A GOOD
JOB. BUT I HAVE COME TO FIND SINCE, AND THAT IS CAUSE FOR MY
DISTRESS HERE AND THE REASON FOR SOME OF THESE FORMAT CHANGES,
WHICH NEED TO BE BETTER EXPLAINED TO YOU, TO ALL OF YOU, IS
THAT, ABOUT OVER \$9 MILLION IN SETTLEMENTS WERE PUSHED OUT OF
THE '04/'05 YEAR AND INTO '05/'06 AND IT CAUSED A DOUBLE
SWING. '04/'05 LOOKED MUCH BETTER THAN IT WAS AND '05/'06
LOOKED MUCH WORSE THAN IT WAS. AND IT IS THIS PERIOD BEGINNING
JULY 1ST, '05 THAT IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE. AND SO WE
HAVE TRIED TO GET THE NUMBERS REPORTED TO YOU AND BACK INTO
THE PLACES WHERE THEY BELONG TO SHOW YOU HOW WE'RE DOING.
OVERALL, EVEN MOVING THOSE NUMBERS WHERE THEY'RE GOING, I
BELIEVE THAT WE ARE RUNNING A TIGHT SHIP AND THE MOVEMENT UP
IN THE CASH PAYMENT IS NOT A REFLECTION OF THAT. IT PROBABLY
WILL-- MY SPECULATION IS IT WILL BE BACK DOWN NEXT YEAR
BECAUSE WE'VE HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN KEEPING SETTLEMENT
NUMBERS DOWN, SO THAT-- WE WILL EXPLAIN THESE NUMBERS FAR
BETTER THAN WE HAVE.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THE REAL ISSUE HERE OVERALL IN THE COST
2 LITIGATION REPORT, AS WELL AS IN THE COST LITIGATION EFFORTS,
3 IS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO. IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT,
4 WHEN WE INITIALLY INTRODUCED THIS POSITION, WE WANTED TO GET A
5 HANDLE ON WHAT WAS GOING ON. WE COULDN'T JUST RUN FORWARD WITH
6 A CASE. THERE WAS AN IDEA THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME PLANNING
7 ALONG THE WAY AND THAT'S WHEN WE PUT IN THE PROTOCOLS AND
8 PROCEDURES THAT, AGAIN, I THINK, LIKE ANYONE ELSE, IS THERE A
9 BUDGET AS TO WHAT THIS CASE IS GOING TO COST? IS THAT
10 EVALUATED THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS AS YOU CARRY OUT THIS KIND
11 OF WORK? WHAT ARE THE STEPS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT'S
12 GOING TO BE CARRIED OUT AS FAR AS INVESTIGATIONS, GETTING THE
13 FACTS TOGETHER, INCLUDING THE ROUNDTABLE WHERE YOU SORT OF
14 PLAY OUT POTENTIALLY AND NOT JUST HAVING ONE ATTORNEY BUT
15 MAYBE A GROUP OF PEOPLE, SOMETIMES FROM THE DEPARTMENT,
16 SOMETIMES THE SUPERVISORS COMING IN. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW
17 EXACTLY HOW THE ROUNDTABLES ARE SET UP BUT THE SUCCESS OF THE
18 ROUNDTABLES HAS PROVEN TO BE VERY, VERY EFFECTIVE. I STARTED
19 THIS, AND, I MEAN, THE REASON WAS BECAUSE OF THE MALPRACTICE
20 PROBLEM THAT WE WERE HAVING IN THAT WE WERE CONSTANTLY PAYING
21 OUT AND THERE WAS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR LAWYERS AND OUR
22 DOCS. AND SO HERE WE VIOLATED A PATIENT OR WE HAD SOME
23 PROBLEMS, AND IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME AND NOT JUST IN OUR
24 HOSPITALS, OBVIOUSLY, IN HOSPITALS ALL OVER, BUT HOW DO WE
25 CONTAIN, HOW DO WE LOOK AT THOSE RISKS? HOW DO WE CONTAIN



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1 THOSE COSTS IN SOME FASHION? AND THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AREA,
2 IT IS A TOUGH THING. DOCS DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO BE TOLD,
3 YOU KNOW, YOU DIDN'T DO THAT EXACTLY RIGHT. NEXT TIME, WE'RE
4 GOING TO HAVE TO COUNSEL YOU OR DO THESE KINDS OF THINGS. AND
5 SO IT'S BEEN REALLY HELPFUL IN THAT AND, OF COURSE, IF THE
6 LAWYERS TELL US, YOU KNOW,, THESE ARE SOME OF THE ERRORS THAT
7 WERE-- AND YOU CAN RECONCILE THAT, HOPEFULLY, THAT HELPS AND
8 THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN A BIG PART OF THAT. AND IT IS
9 A TOUGH THING TO DO BECAUSE NONE OF US SORT OF WANT TO BE HELD
10 ACCOUNTABLE TO ANY OF THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. BUT WE HAVE TO
11 REMIND OURSELVES THAT THIS IS A CONSTANT ISSUE. THIS ISN'T ONE
12 YEAR'S REPORT. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE DOING, WHAT IS GOING TO BE
13 HAPPENING IN THIS AREA AND NO DOUBT IT'S GOING TO BE UP AND
14 DOWN AND THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT REPORTING IT AND LOOKING
15 AT TRENDS AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE STRENGTHEN THIS I
16 THINK IS REALLY THE GOAL HERE. AND SO THE COST LITIGATION
17 REPORT SHOULD NEVER BE TREATED IN ISOLATION OF ANYTHING. IT
18 SHOULD BE AN ONGOING REVIEW OF WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THAT
19 OFFICE. AND, AGAIN, MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOOK AT OUR OWN TRENDS,
20 JUST AS WE DID IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE. WHAT COULD WE HAVE DONE
21 BETTER? WHAT ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS WE SHOULD BE DOING? WHAT
22 ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS WE SAW THAT WE SAW IN THE RAMIREZ CASE
23 THAT CERTAIN THINGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE, RIGHT?
24
25 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ABSOLUTELY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THAT'S ALL THIS IS. BUT IT IS A CONCERN

3 WHEN THE FORMAT IS CHANGED. IT GETS ME TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF THE

4 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE THERE. THAT IS WHAT I AM SAYING AND I HOPE

5 YOU UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE EFFORT HERE IS JUST TO

6 FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE CONTAIN SOME OF THESE COSTS? YOU AND I

7 HAVE TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THESE CASES. I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO

8 REMIND YOU OF THE FIRST BABY CASE THAT I SAW HERE THAT WAS

9 JUST UNBELIEVABLE WHAT WE DID. AND SO WE NEED TO FIND A WAY

10 THAT WE CAN HAVE AN ONGOING ASSESSMENT AND CONTAINMENT OF

11 COSTS. THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE THOSE ISSUES AND THAT CASE

12 THAT IS GOING TO TAKE YOU OUT OF THERE. BUT, HOPEFULLY, IT CAN

13 BE EXPLAINED. I THINK THAT THAT'S-- WHAT I DON'T LIKE IS

14 SEEING THE DAY OF THE REPORT, LET ALONG WITH THE SUBSEQUENT

15 ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER, THAT PEOPLE ARE NERVOUS

16 ABOUT SHARING WHAT'S WHAT. YOU CAN'T CHANGE WHAT'S WHAT. IT IS

17 WHAT IT IS, AS THEY SAY. SO, CONSEQUENTLY, WHAT WE NEED IS A

18 RESPONSIBLE RESPONSE TO THESE ISSUES SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND.

19 THIS BOARD IS PAYING OUT THESE SUMS ON A REGULAR BASIS. IT

20 MAKES INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS EVERY SINGLE DAY WITH REGARD TO

21 SETTLEMENTS. SO IT'S GOOD, AT THE END OF THE YEAR, TO SORT OF

22 ANALYZE WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING? WHERE ARE WE GOING? WHAT DOES

23 THIS MEAN? WHAT KIND OF TREND IS THIS CREATING? AND SO I MUST

24 SAY, MR. FORTNER, THAT I'M NOT REALLY SURE TO WHAT EXTENT

25 YOU'RE TRYING TO EXPLAIN AWAY A SPIKE OR YOU'RE TRYING TO GIVE



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1 US THE INFORMATION THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT
2 THINGS ARE OPERATING TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY SHOULD BE. THAT'S
3 NOT TO QUESTION YOUR INTEGRITY OR ANY OF YOUR LAWYERS BUT WE
4 WANTED TO PUT IN PLACE A PROCESS AND A PROCEDURE, AS OTHER
5 MAJOR CORPORATIONS HAVE, AND TO EVALUATE THIS. IT'S LIKE
6 ANYTHING ELSE. IF YOU CAN'T EVALUATE ANYTHING WITHOUT HAVING
7 THE NUMBERS AND SO THOSE NUMBERS ARE ESSENTIAL. AND,
8 HOPEFULLY, IF WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE A REPORTING FORMAT, THAT
9 YOU WOULD LET US KNOW BEFOREHAND.

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AND WE WILL WORK WITH YOUR STAFF
12 TOWARD THAT END SO THAT WE ARE PROVIDING YOU THE INFORMATION
13 NOT JUST IN A WAY THAT YOU CAN...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON ITEM 24? DR.
18 CLAVREUL?

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20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK, SINCE YOU ARE
22 PROJECTING COSTS OF LEGAL ACTION AND SO ON, I THINK IT WOULD
23 BE A GOOD TIME TO MAYBE LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY TO TAKING
24 ACTION AGAINST NAVIGANT. THE CITY OF VERNON DID IT AND-- IN
25 SEPTEMBER-- I MEAN, LAST MONTH, RECEIVED A JUDGMENT IN THEIR



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1 FAVOR. NOT ONLY DID THEY RECEIVE BACK \$13.4 MILLION IN SERVICE
2 FEES, AN ADDITIONAL \$23 MILLION IN DAMAGE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA
3 FALSE CLAIM ACT, PLUS \$935,000 IN CLEAN-UP AND ALL ATTORNEY
4 FEES AND ARBITRATION COSTS. MAYBE THAT'S AN EXAMPLE THE COUNTY
5 SHOULD FOLLOW. SINCE NAVIGANT DID NOT PERFORM THEIR SCOPE OF
6 WORK AND I THINK A LOT OF THE ISSUES COULD COME UNDER FALSE
7 CLAIM ACT. THEY CLAIM TO USE THAT THEY HAVE SUPERB EXPERTISE
8 IN TURNAROUND OF CLINICAL FACILITY, WHICH THEY DID NOT HAVE.
9 SO I THINK, MAYBE, YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD DO A PLANNING ON-- TO
10 GET SOME OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY BACK FROM NAVIGANT. AND,
11 APPARENTLY, THEY'RE NOT DOING TOO WELL BECAUSE, AT ONE POINT
12 THEIR SHARE WAS \$50.25. AFTER THE LAWSUIT OF LAST MONTH, THEIR
13 STOCK FELL ANOTHER 1.35 OR 6.6% DOWN TO \$19.26, SO MAYBE WE
14 SHOULD SUE WHILE THEY STILL HAVE MONEY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO WE WILL RECEIVE THE REPORT.
17 OKAY. ITEM 25-D, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A MOTION ON THAT ITEM. SINCE JANUARY OF
20 2003, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS TAKEN RESPONSIBLE AND
21 PROACTIVE STEPS TO MANAGE AND CONTROL THE COUNTY'S LEGAL FEES
22 AND COSTS. AS PART OF OUR EFFORTS, THE BOARD HAS INSISTED ON
23 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO
24 ENSURE THE COUNTY RECEIVES HIGH QUALITY, DIRECTED AND
25 EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION BOTH IN-HOUSE AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND



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1 THAT IT IS ALSO COST EFFECTIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, WE APPROACHED THE
2 NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM CALLED RMIS TO ENABLE COUNTY COUNSEL TO
3 BETTER MONITOR CASE STATUS AND COST AND TO PRODUCE REPORTS IN
4 AN EFFICIENT MANNER. WE ALSO APPROVED THE NEW POSITION OF
5 LITIGATION COST MANAGER WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS TO PARTICIPATE
6 IN THE PLANNING AND DIRECTION OF LITIGATION STRATEGY WITH A
7 FOCUS ON COST EFFECTIVENESS; TO CONDUCT REVIEWS OF ALL
8 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL LITIGATION COSTS; TO TRACK LITIGATION
9 AND TO MONITOR AND REPORT ANNUALLY ON PROGRESS. BY ALL
10 ACCOUNTS, OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE BROUGHT
11 OUR LITIGATION COSTS DOWN FROM A HIGH OF 62.7 MILLION IN F.Y.
12 2001/2002 TO A LOW OF 26.3 MILLION IN 2003/2004, A 58.4
13 DECREASE. NOW, AFTER TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF DECLINING
14 LITIGATION COSTS, WE ARE SEEING AN OVER 50% INCREASE IN COSTS
15 TO \$40 MILLION IN F.Y. 2005/2006. MOREOVER, ON OCTOBER 11TH,
16 2006, WE WERE INFORMED THAT ROBERT NAGLE, THE PERSON HIRED FOR
17 THE BOARD CREATED LITIGATION COST MANAGER POSITION, WAS
18 SUMMARILY TERMINATED. ON OCTOBER 16TH, 2006, EACH BOARD OFFICE
19 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. NAGLE THAT CONTAINED SERIOUS
20 ALLEGATIONS OF MISMANAGEMENT BY COUNTY COUNSEL, INCLUDING
21 FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH CRITICAL LITIGATION
22 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION AND FAILURE TO FULLY IMPLEMENT
23 LITIGATION MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, ALL OF WHICH
24 MAY HAVE RESULTED IN A POTENTIAL COST TO THE COUNTY IN THE
25 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THESE ALLEGATIONS PRESENTED BY MR. NAGLE,



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1 IF TRUE, ARE EXTREMELY DISTRESSING AND MUST BE INVESTIGATED
2 IMMEDIATELY. IT IS ALSO EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER
3 THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE NOT TRUE IN ORDER TO RECLAIM CONFIDENCE
4 IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL AND ENSURE THAT ITS
5 CREDIBILITY REMAINS UNTARNISHED. AS FIDUCIARIES OF THE PUBLIC
6 TRUST, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE A THOROUGH,
7 ACCURATE, AND UNBIASED REVIEW OF THESE CLAIMS BY A HIGHLY
8 CREDIBLE EXTERNAL AND INDEPENDENT REVIEWER UNAFFILIATED WITH
9 THE COUNTY OR WITH MR. NAGLE AND WHO IS WIDELY RESPECTED TO BE
10 FAIR AND IMPARTIAL. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS, NUMBER ONE, DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO HIRE AND
12 NEGOTIATE A FLAT RATE CONTRACT WITH A INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR
13 WITH SUBSTANTIAL LITIGATION EXPERIENCE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND
14 THAT, TWO, THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR IS TO INVESTIGATE THE
15 SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN MR. NAGLE'S OCTOBER 16TH,
16 2006 LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND REPORT BACK IN 45
17 DAYS AND THAT WOULD REQUEST THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO SUSPEND ANY
18 ORGANIZATIONAL OR PERSONNEL CHANGES THAT WOULD AFFECT EITHER
19 THE POSITION OF LITIGATION COST MANAGER OR THE POLICIES AND
20 PROCEDURES REGARDING LITIGATION COST MANAGEMENT UNTIL THE
21 BOARD RECEIVES A REPORT FROM THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR. AND
22 WE AMENDED THAT, WE KNEW THERE WERE SOME CONCERNS WHEN WE
23 ASKED FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL AND I THINK THAT DAVID SAID THAT HE
24 WAS OUT TO HIRE THAT INFAMOUS PERSON THAT WE DON'T NEED BUT WE



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1 JUST NEED AN INDEPENDENT, IMPARTIAL REVIEW. SO HOPEFULLY THAT
2 AMENDMENT WILL ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. CHAIRMAN?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T SECOND IT. OH, YOU SECONDED IT.
9 OKAY. MY CONCERN WASN'T WHETHER YOU CALL IT A COUNSEL OR AN
10 INVESTIGATOR OR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. MY CONCERN IS THAT
11 SOME PEOPLE HAVE WANTED TO INDICT, TRY AND CONVICT, AND HAVE
12 DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF IT SO FAR, THE COUNTY COUNSEL. I
13 FEEL IN A VERY AWKWARD POSITION BECAUSE I SPENT A GOOD PART OF
14 LAST NIGHT READING YOUR 21-PAGE OR 20-PAGE REPORT IN RESPONSE
15 TO THE ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE MADE BY MR. NAGLE AGAINST YOU,
16 WHICH I DID NOT FIND CREDIBLE. I DID NOT FIND HIS ALLEGATIONS
17 CREDIBLE FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. NOW, NORMALLY, I WOULD SAY
18 WE SHOULD TAKE THIS INTO CLOSED SESSION AND HAVE A DISCUSSION
19 AND MAYBE WE SHOULD AT SOME POINT BUT, AS I JUST MENTIONED TO
20 THE C.A.O., I'M NOT GOING TO SIT HERE HAVING HAD MR. NAGLE'S
21 REPORT DISTRIBUTED WIDELY TO EVERY NEWSPAPER OUTLET WHO WOULD
22 NOT AN INDICATION THAT THEY WOULD PUBLISH IT OR PUBLISH PARTS
23 OF IT AND THEN HAVE US RESPECT YOUR REQUEST, WHICH YOU STATE
24 IN YOUR COVER LETTER ON YOUR RESPONSE, WHICH I FOUND EXTREMELY
25 DETAILED, FRANKLY, AT 11:00 AT NIGHT, TOO DETAILED, BUT



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1 SPECIFICS. YOU GAVE VERY SPECIFIC ARITHMETIC RESPONSES TO SOME
2 OF THE ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE MADE AND THEN YOU PROCEEDED TO
3 MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS OF YOUR OWN WHICH LED TO WHY YOU
4 DISMISSED HIM. AND I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR, SINCE THIS
5 HAS BEEN LAUNCHED ALREADY THIS WAY AND I THINK IT MAKES THE
6 COUNTY LOOK HORRIBLE AND I THINK IT MAKES THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS LOOK FOOLISH TO GET INTO A PUBLIC SPAT WITH ITS
8 OWN COUNSEL THIS WAY OVER A PERSONNEL DECISION THAT THE
9 COUNSEL MADE ABOUT ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES. NOW, IF WE HAVE A
10 PROBLEM WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THEN WE OUGHT TO TAKE IT OUT
11 ON HIM. BUT I THINK IT'S VERY DANGEROUS, ALTHOUGH I KNOW IT'S
12 BEEN TRIED BEFORE, TO TRY TO DICTATE TO DEPARTMENT HEADS HOW
13 THEY SHOULD TREAT THEIR SUBORDINATES. AND WHEN A DEPARTMENT
14 HEAD BELIEVES THAT ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES IS INCOMPETENT, IS
15 DISHONEST, IS MANIPULATIVE, IS INSUBORDINATE, AMONG OTHER
16 THINGS, HE OR SHE HAS A RIGHT TO DISMISS THEM. AND WE DO NOT
17 HAVE A RIGHT TO TRY TO MEDDLE IN HOW THAT DEPARTMENT HEAD
18 HANDLES HIS OR HER SUBORDINATES. IF WE FIND THAT THE TREATMENT
19 THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS GIVING HIS SUBORDINATE IS SO EGREGIOUS
20 THAT IT BRINGS INTO QUESTION THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE BOARD HAS
21 IN THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, THEN FIRE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD. NOW, I
22 DON'T FIND THAT TO BE AT LEAST WHERE I WANT TO GO. I HAVE A
23 LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN THIS COUNTY COUNSEL. I'VE WORKED WITH
24 THREE COUNTY COUNSELS SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE. NONE OF THEM ARE



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1 PERFECT. ONLY THE FIVE OF US ARE PERFECT, OF COURSE. AND MR.

2 JANSSEN, WHO IS A LAME DUCK. [LAUGHTER]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S JUST A JOKE FOR THE INTERPRETER,

5 WHICH PART? [LAUGHTER] BUT THE-- I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THIS

6 COUNTY COUNSEL AND I HAVE CONFIDENCE, AFTER READING HIS 20-

7 PAGE REPORT, IN THE REASONS FOR WHICH HE MADE THE DECISION HE

8 MADE. I MAY NOT AGREE WITH EVERY SINGLE SENTENCE IN THERE, I

9 MAY NOT UNDERSTAND AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERY SINGLE

10 SENTENCE IN THERE, NOR DID I UNDERSTAND EVERY SINGLE SENTENCE

11 IN MR. NAGLE'S SUBMISSION, WHICH I FOUND OFFENSIVE, FRANKLY,

12 MAKING ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE COUNTY COUNSEL BUT NOT

13 SPECIFYING THEM AND SAYING, "IF YOU LET ME TALK TO YOU, I'LL

14 TELL YOU MORE SPECIFICS." SOUNDED LIKE MY KID WHEN HE WAS

15 TRYING TO BRIBE ME INTO LETTING THEM GO TO A BALL GAME WHEN

16 THEY WERE YOUNGER. EITHER YOU'VE GOT THE GOODS, PUT THEM IN

17 WRITING AND TELL ME WHAT IT IS. IF YOU THINK THAT THE COUNTY

18 COUNSEL HAS A MASSIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THEN BE A MAN AND

19 SAY IT. IF YOU AREN'T MAN ENOUGH TO SAY IT, DON'T INTIMATE IT.

20 AND SINCE-- AND NOW WHAT'S BEEN BROUGHT INTO QUESTION IS NOT--

21 SINCE I'VE READ THE REPORT, IS NOT SO MUCH MR. FORTNER'S

22 INTEGRITY AND COMPETENCE BUT REALLY THE COMPETENCE OF MR.

23 NAGLE AND HIS INTEGRITY AND WHETHER HE APPROPRIATELY AND

24 PROPERLY SHARED INFORMATION ACCURATELY WITH THIS BOARD AND

25 WITH HIS SUPERIOR. THAT'S THE ISSUE. AND IF THAT'S-- I'VE NOW



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1 READ IT, I'VE READ BOTH REPORTS FROM COVER TO COVER. MY ONLY
2 QUESTION TO YOU, MR. FORTNER, IS WHY DID YOU WAIT SO LONG IF
3 THIS IS IN FACT THE WAY YOU FELT? AND THAT'S A RHETORICAL
4 QUESTION BUT IT'S A SERIOUS-- I DON'T WANT YOU TO ANSWER IT
5 BUT IT'S A SERIOUS BUT IT'S A RHETORICAL QUESTION BECAUSE THE
6 ALLEGATIONS THAT HE MADE PALE BY COMPARISON TO THE
7 DOCUMENTATION THAT YOU'VE OFFERED. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY,
8 TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY, IN PUBLIC SESSION, BECAUSE I
9 NORMALLY WOULD NOT DO THIS, IS TO SHARE AT LEAST SOME AMBIANCE
10 OF WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES SINCE STUFF HAS BEEN
11 SELECTIVELY LEAKED, AND EVERYBODY CAN LEAK, EVERYBODY CAN LEAK
12 DOCUMENTS, NOT JUST THE ONES THAT SERVE THEIR PURPOSES, AND I
13 THINK IT WOULD BE-- IT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE, BUT I THINK IT
14 WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, SINCE IT'S BEEN THRUST INTO
15 THE NEWSPAPERS, ONE SIDE OF THE STORY, FOR THE OTHER SIDE OF
16 THE STORY TO GET LEAKED, TOO. NOT LEAKED, JUST GIVEN. BUT I
17 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE REASONS THAT CAN'T BE DONE. ONE
18 OF THE THINGS I'D LIKE TO GET TO IN CLOSED SESSION, WHETHER
19 THIS DOCUMENT THAT YOU'VE PRESENTED TO US, EITHER ALL OR PART
20 OF IT CAN BE SHARED, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. BECAUSE
21 IT'S NOT ABOUT MR. NAGLE, AT THIS POINT, FOR ME. IT'S NOT EVEN
22 ABOUT THE COUNTY COUNSEL BUT, WHEN ONE OF US OR TWO OF US OR
23 FIVE OF US CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL OR AN INDEPENDENT
24 INVESTIGATOR TO ESSENTIALLY GO IN TO LOOK AT THE INTEGRITY OF
25 OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD, IF THAT'S REALLY THE WAY YOU FEEL, THEN



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1 THERE REALLY ISN'T A REPORT THAT'S GOING TO SATISFY YOU AND
2 THERE'S NOT A REPORT THAT'S GOING TO SATISFY THE PUBLIC
3 DOMAIN, WHICH HAS ALREADY GOTTEN A TASTE OF THIS INDICTMENT.
4 SO IF IT WAS -- IF THIS WAS MY EMPLOYEE AND I FELT THAT THIS
5 HAD RISEN TO THE LEVEL THAT I CAN'T TRUST THEM AND I SO MUCH
6 CAN'T TRUST THEM THAT I'M GOING TO SPEND MONEY TO HIRE AN
7 OUTSIDE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR TO CHECK THEM OUT, SAVE THE
8 MONEY AND FIRE THEM, GET A NEW COUNTY COUNSEL. THAT'S REALLY
9 THE-- THAT'S REALLY THE ISSUE. IF MY CHIEF OF STAFF OR MY
10 TRUSTED STAFF GOT TO THE POINT, AND THEY'RE ALL EXEMPT
11 EMPLOYEES, WHERE I FELT I HAD TO HIRE A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
12 OR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR TO CHECK TO SEE WHETHER THEIR
13 ARITHMETIC WAS RIGHT, WHETHER THEY WERE MANIPULATING ME, I
14 WOULDN'T WASTE THE MONEY. I'D FIRE THEM AND GET SOMEBODY THAT
15 I COULD TRUST BECAUSE THERE ISN'T AN AUDITOR IN AMERICA THAT
16 CAN REINSTATE TRUST WHERE THE TRUST HAS BEEN LOST. NOT ONE.
17 THERE'S NO AUDIT THAT CAN RESTORE HIS CREDIBILITY TO ANYBODY
18 HERE WHO BELIEVES THAT HE'S LOST HIS CREDIBILITY. SO THIS, TO
19 ME, IS MUCH BIGGER THAN THE ALLEGATIONS, IF YOU CALL THEM
20 ALLEGATIONS. I THINK IT'S LARGELY SOUR GRAPES. AND REALLY WHAT
21 I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IN CLOSED SESSION, I'M SURE
22 EVERYBODY HAS THEIR LIST OF THINGS, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU
23 ABOUT HOW THIS GOT-- HOW THE THINGS THAT YOU DOCUMENT IN YOUR
24 REPORT WERE ALLOWED TO FESTER FOR THIS LONG BEFORE YOU DID
25 SOMETHING ABOUT IT. SOME PEOPLE THINK YOU ACTED PRECIPITOUSLY.



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1 I THINK YOU WAITED TOO LONG IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE. AND SINCE
2 YOU'VE DOCUMENTED OR WHAT YOU HAVEN'T DOCUMENTED IS EASILY
3 DOCUMENTABLE, BECAUSE IT'S SIMPLY NUMBERS, MOSTLY, OTHER THAN
4 YOUR OWN JUDGMENTS ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL, I THINK IT'S A FAIR
5 QUESTION AS TO WHY YOU WAITED THIS LONG. BUT I THINK THAT'S
6 THE ISSUE. SO I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I'M NOT
7 GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INVESTIGATION. I DON'T THINK AN
8 INVESTIGATION-- ESPECIALLY AFTER-- I WAS OPEN-MINDED. MR.
9 JANSSEN MET WITH ME YESTERDAY, WEEKLY MEETING. HE WILL TELL
10 YOU THAT I WAS OPEN ON THE SUBJECT. MS. BURKE AND MR. KNABE
11 WERE THINKING ABOUT ANOTHER APPROACH. I SAID, "I WANT TO HEAR
12 WHAT MR. FORTNER HAS TO SAY IN RESPONSE." IT'S BEEN MY WHOLE
13 APPROACH TO THIS FROM DAY ONE. WE'VE HEARD FROM MR. NAGLE. I
14 WANT TO HEAR THE RESPONSE. THERE WERE SOME SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS
15 RAISED IN MR. NAGLE'S REPORT AND I WANT TO SEE WHAT THE ANSWER
16 IS BEFORE I JUMP TO A CONCLUSION, BEFORE I HIRE A SPECIAL
17 INVESTIGATOR. AND I'M SATISFIED, LARGELY SATISFIED. CERTAINLY,
18 I'M NOT PREPARED, BASED ON NOW WHAT I KNOW, TO AUTHORIZE THE
19 SPENDING OF MONEY TO HIRE SOMEBODY TO SEE WHETHER YOU'RE
20 TELLING US THE STRAIGHT SCOOP OR NOT. THAT'S FOR US TO FIGURE
21 OUT. WE CAN FIGURE IT OUT. WE'VE GOT ALL THE INFORMATION HERE.
22 WE DON'T NEED TO SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WITH ALL THE PRESS
23 REPORTS THAT WILL FOLLOW, INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR HIRED TO
24 INVESTIGATE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' OWN ATTORNEY. THAT'S
25 WHAT THIS IS TURNING INTO. YOU HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION YOU



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1 NEED. IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, WE OUGHT TO ASK HIM TO--
2 AND I HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS, ASK HIM TO FILL IN THE BLANKS
3 BEFORE YOU GO EVEN ASKING THE AUDITOR TO DO ANYTHING. THIS IS
4 AN ARITHMETIC ISSUE, AN ACCOUNTING ISSUE AS FAR AS THOSE--
5 MOST OF THOSE THINGS ARE CONCERNED. AS FAR AS THE
6 INSUBORDINATION OR THE OTHER CONCERNS THAT YOU HAD THAT CAUSED
7 YOU TO MAKE THE JUDGMENT, THAT'S NOT FOR US TO SECOND GUESS
8 UNLESS WE LOVE THIS GUY SO MUCH THAT HE'S MORE IMPORTANT TO US
9 THAN YOU ARE. BUT, I MEAN, AT SOME POINT, YOU GOT TO DRAW THE
10 LINE AND WE DRAW THE LINE, I THINK BY PRACTICE, IF NOT BY LAW,
11 THAT THE ONLY PERSON-- I THINK IT'S BY LAW, THE ONLY PERSON
12 THAT WE CONTROL IS THE DEPARTMENT HEAD. WE DON'T CONTROL HIS
13 SUBORDINATES. WE CAN'T HIRE AND FIRE YOUR SUBORDINATES, WE
14 CAN'T DISCIPLINE YOUR SUBORDINATES. WE CAN COMPLAIN TO YOU
15 ABOUT YOUR SUBORDINATES. WE CAN TELL YOU, IF YOU DON'T FIRE SO
16 AND SO, YOU KNOW, MY CONFIRMED IN YOU IS GOING TO WANE. WE CAN
17 DO ALL THAT BUT WE CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR
18 SUBORDINATES. NOW, I THINK THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT AREA. YOU
19 KNOW THIS FROM LONG BEFORE YOU WERE THE COUNTY COUNSEL. THE
20 WHOLE AREA OF LIABILITY HAS BEEN A CONCERN TO MISS MOLINA,
21 IT'S BEEN A CONCERN TO EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD. I'VE GOT
22 ISSUES. I'VE GOT ISSUES WITH A LOT OF THINGS. I WON'T GO INTO
23 THEM NOW OR HERE AND SOME OF THEM, YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM
24 ME IN THE PAST AND PREVIOUS COUNTY COUNSELS HAVE HEARD ABOUT
25 THEM IN THE PAST. NEVERTHELESS, YOU HAVE-- WE'VE GOT-- THE NUB



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1 OF THIS ISSUE IS WHAT I DESCRIBED EARLIER AND I DON'T WANT TO
2 SPEND ANY MONEY ON AN INVESTIGATION. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY
3 ABOUT THIS. AND I HOPE THAT WE, IF WE WANT TO GO INTO CLOSED
4 SESSION TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF YOUR REPORT, I'M HAPPY TO DO
5 IT. I THINK IT'S UNFAIR TO YOU, FRANKLY, RAY, THAT THE OTHER
6 STUFF HAS GOTTEN OUT IN DETAIL AND I WON'T SAY MORE THAN THAT
7 BUT IT WAS MADE SURE THAT IT WAS GOTTEN OUT IN DETAIL AND THE
8 RESPONSE IS NOT GOING TO NECESSARILY GET OUT IN DETAIL, AND I
9 THINK THAT'S UNFORTUNATE. AND THAT'S WHY I'VE MADE THE
10 COMMENTS THAT I'VE MADE. I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTY
11 COUNSEL. I THINK HE'S DONE A GOOD JOB. I THINK HE'S TRYING TO
12 BUILD A QUALITY STAFF. AND I THINK THIS IS PART OF THAT EFFORT
13 FOR HIM AND I RESPECT THE FACT THAT OTHER PEOPLE MAY DISAGREE
14 ABOUT HIM OR ABOUT HIS STAFF BUT I LIKE THE DIRECTION THAT
15 YOU'VE BEEN GOING, EVEN THOUGH IT'S SLOW, YOU'VE BEEN MOVING
16 IN A DIRECTION OF TRYING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO US AND TO THE
17 LAW. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH. I HAVE A NUMBER OF CONCERNS ABOUT THIS WHOLE
22 ISSUE. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THE WHOLE PROCESS OF HAVING
23 PERSONNEL ISSUES HANDLED IN THIS WAY IS NOT VERY APPROPRIATE.
24 IT DOES NOT PROTECT PEOPLE'S PERSONNEL RIGHTS. IT DOES NOT
25 REALLY GET TO THE CORE OF ANYTHING EXCEPT CAUSE A FEW



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1 HEADLINES AND MAYBE CAUSE SOME HARD FEELINGS BY PEOPLE. FOR
2 ONE THING, I KNOW THAT ALL OF US WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT THIS
3 SUDDENLY CAME UPON US AND WE HAD NO NOTICE BEFOREHAND, AND I
4 THINK THE COUNTY COUNSEL SHOULD HAVE TOLD US THAT THERE WERE
5 PROBLEMS. ON THE OTHER HAND, MR. NAGLE, I OBVIOUSLY HAD QUITE
6 A BIT OF DIRECT CONTACT WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND I
7 DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE SHARED WITH THEM THE ISSUES HE HAD AND
8 THE CONCERNS, APPARENTLY, THAT SOME OF THESE WERE GOING ON FOR
9 A WHILE BUT, YOU KNOW, WITH ALL OF THAT, OBVIOUSLY, SOMEONE,
10 AND I DON'T REMEMBER WHO MADE THE MOTION, SOMEONE MOVED FOR
11 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO HAVE AN AUDIT TO DETERMINE WHETHER
12 LITIGATION COST MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WERE BEING
13 FOLLOWED BUT IT WAS ONLY FUNDED FOR 25,000. SO I UNDERSTAND HE
14 PULLED SIX CASES, HE SAW NOTHING IMPROPER IN THE HANDLING OF
15 THOSE SIX CASES. NOW, MY FEELING IS THAT, OBVIOUSLY, THIS HAS
16 BEEN STARTED AND SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO TELL ME WHOSE MOTION
17 THAT WAS. IT WAS YOUR MOTION. OKAY. SO THAT YOU HAD SOME
18 INDICATION THAT THE POLICIES WERE NOT CORRECT AND WERE NOT
19 BEING FOLLOWED SO YOU DID HAVE THE MOTION AND, AT THAT POINT,
20 NOTHING WAS DETERMINED. I ASSUME THAT YOU HAD ALL OF THE
21 INFORMATION THAT WOULD HAVE DIRECTED THE AUDITOR IN A
22 DIRECTION OF WHERE THEY WOULD LOOK AT WHAT PART OF THE
23 POLICIES WERE NOT CORRECT. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE AUDITOR HAS
24 STARTED THIS, I BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY APPROPRIATE APPROACH
25 WOULD BE TO LET HIM CONTINUE REVIEWING THE POLICIES AND I FEEL



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1 A LOT MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THIS BEING DONE IN-HOUSE RATHER
2 THAN BRINGING OUT INVESTIGATORS TO HAVE A BIG, YOU KNOW,
3 SPECIAL COUNSEL OR SPECIAL INVESTIGATION AND ALL OF THOSE
4 THINGS AND HEARINGS AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS TO DETERMINE WHO'S
5 RIGHT, WHO'S WRONG, WHO LIED, WHO GOT NOTICE BEFORE THAT THEY
6 WERE NOT DOING THEIR JOB, WHO GOT NOTICE AFTERWARD AND ALL OF
7 THESE THINGS. I JUST DON'T THINK THIS IS THE WAY YOU HANDLE
8 PERSONNEL ISSUES. SO I HAVE A MOTION I'M PASSING OUT THAT
9 WOULD ASK THE AUDITOR TO CONTINUE TO REVIEW OUR LITIGATION
10 COST MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, TO REVIEW AND LET
11 ANYONE WHO HAS ANY ALLEGATIONS SUBMIT THOSE TO THE AUDITOR,
12 THAT THE MONEY WE WOULD SPEND ON THIS OUTSIDE INVESTIGATOR,
13 PROVIDE THOSE FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IN THE EVENT HE
14 DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDS TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS REVIEW.
15 I'M VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH GOING OUTSIDE TO GET PEOPLE TO GET
16 INVOLVED IN SOME OF OUR LITIGATION ISSUES. THEY WOULD HAVE TO
17 HAVE ACCESS TO ALL OF OUR LITIGATION FILES. I THINK THAT'S
18 IMPROPER. WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THOSE REVIEWED AND, UNLESS
19 THEY HAVE TOTAL ACCESS TO ALL LITIGATION FILES, THEY WOULDN'T
20 BE ABLE TO EVEN COME UP WITH ANY KIND OF ABILITY TO ASSESS
21 WHETHER OR NOT THE PROCESS AND THE APPROACH WAS BEING
22 FOLLOWED. SO I'VE PASSED OUT THE MOTION AND IT IS BEFORE YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE MOTION, I THINK
4 THAT MY NAME IS ON AS WELL, ARE YOU CHANGING SOME OF THE
5 "THEREFORES" BECAUSE BASICALLY WHAT WE AGREED TO...

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, I'M NOT CHANGING ANYTHING...

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** ...WAS THAT YOU'D DIRECT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO
10 IMMEDIATELY COMMENCE THE AUDIT...

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** ...EXCEPT THAT I'M SAYING IN SUBSTITUTE, A
13 SUBSTITUTE INSTEAD OF A AMENDMENT.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I MEAN, I WOULD JUST COMMENT. I MEAN,
16 OBVIOUSLY, I THINK THAT MR. NAGLE'S WILLINGNESS TO SHARE HIS
17 CONCERNS OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THIS BOARD, IF HE REALLY HAD A
18 SPECIFIC CONCERN, WAS NOT FAIR TO ALL OF US OR TO THE COUNTY
19 COUNSEL OR TO OUR CONSTITUENCIES. I, TOO, READ MR. FORTNER'S
20 RESPONSE LAST EVENING AND FELT THAT THOSE RESPONSES WERE
21 ADEQUATE. THE PROBLEM I THINK THAT WE HAVE AT THIS PARTICULAR
22 POINT IS THAT THIS, BECAUSE OF MR. NAGLE'S EFFORTS, HAS BEEN
23 MADE PUBLIC AND THAT'S WHY I-- AND WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT OTHER
24 SOLUTIONS, I'M NOT INTO INDEPENDENT COUNSEL OR INVESTIGATORS
25 AND THINGS LIKE THAT BUT I THINK, BEFORE WE EVEN GOT TO THAT



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1 POINT, THAT WE NEED TO LOOK INTERNALLY TO SEE WHAT HAS
2 HAPPENED AND THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN MR. NAGLE'S LETTER,
3 YOU KNOW, TO COMPARE THEM WITH MR. FORTNER'S RESPONSE. HE
4 SHOULD GET THAT FAIRNESS THAT ALLEGATIONS AND RESPONSE AND,
5 LIKE I SAY, I FELT HIS RESPONSES IN READING THAT WAS ADEQUATE.
6 SO I WOULD SECOND SUPERVISOR BURKE'S AMENDMENT OR SUBSTITUTE
7 MOTION TO DIRECT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO IMMEDIATELY
8 COMMENCE THE AUDIT INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGATIONS AND
9 REPORT BACK TO OUR BOARD IN 30 DAYS. AND IF, IN FACT, AT THAT
10 POINT, WE THINK WE NEED TO DO MORE, WE CAN DO MORE BUT AT
11 LEAST LET'S GET SOME SEMBLANCE OF AN ORDER INTERNALLY BEFORE
12 WE GO INTO SOME BIG PUBLIC CAMPAIGN. I JUST-- YOU KNOW, ANY
13 EMPLOYEE COULD DO THAT, COULD BE A MR. NAGLE THROUGHOUT THIS
14 ENTIRE COUNTY WITH THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE AND I
15 JUST DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT. IF YOU'VE GOT CONCERNS, THERE'S
16 NO PROBLEM SHARING IT PRIVATELY BUT, YOU KNOW, TO DISTRIBUTE
17 TO EVERY NEWSPAPER IN TOWN I JUST DON'T THINK WAS THE RIGHT
18 THING TO DO AND WE DID GET A RESPONSE. IT WASN'T THAT MR.
19 FORTNER IGNORED IT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THE ISSUES ARE
22 VERY CONCERNING AND OUGHT NOT TO BE COMPROMISED BY PLACING
23 UNFAIR EXPECTATIONS ON THE AUDITOR, WHO CURRENTLY IS WORKING
24 ON AN AUDIT OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL WHICH INCLUDES A COMPONENT
25 FOR AN OUTSIDE ATTORNEY TO REVIEW, WHICH THE BOARD HAS ALREADY



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1 APPROVED. THAT EXAMPLE REINFORCES THE BOARD'S RECOGNITION FOR
2 THE NEED TO HAVE EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS ADDRESS LITIGATION
3 MATTERS. SO IT'S NOT A NEW PRECEDENT THAT THE BOARD WAS
4 ESTABLISHING. IT'S ONE WE'VE ALREADY PREVIOUSLY HAD TAKEN
5 ACTION ON MONTHS AGO.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** SO LET'S LET HIM PROCEED.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS WAS HANDLED
12 INCORRECTLY FROM DAY ONE. I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF
13 WE HAD KNOWN SOME OF THE ISSUES BEFOREHAND. THE PROBLEM IS, IS
14 NOW, AND I THINK MR. YAROSLAVSKY STATED CORRECT, IS ABOUT
15 TRUST. AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TRUST,
16 YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TRUSTING YOUR LAWYER. YOU HAVE TO TRUST
17 YOUR LAWYER BECAUSE IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, FOR THE MOST
18 PART, TO SOLICIT ADVICE FROM YOUR COUNSEL AND HOPEFULLY
19 UTILIZE HIS ADVICE IN MAKING YOUR DECISIONS AND
20 DETERMINATIONS. SO TRUST IS A VERY, VERY CRITICAL COMPONENT OF
21 THIS. CERTAINLY, WE DID RECEIVE CONCERN AND WE SAW IT IN THE
22 RAMIREZ CASE, IN WHICH PROCEDURES WERE NOT BEING FOLLOWED. WE
23 FOUND THAT NOT ONLY IN CLOSED SESSION BUT AFTER THE FACT AND
24 THAT IS WHAT STARTED US TO QUESTION WHETHER, IN FACT, WE WERE
25 GOING BACK AND UTILIZING THE PROTOCOLS, WHICH IS WHY WE ASKED



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1 FOR THE AUDIT. IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT THERE WERE SOME ISSUES
2 THERE THAT LED US TO BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THIS WAS NOT
3 HAPPENING AND WHETHER, IN FACT, THE ISSUES OF WHO WAS THE
4 CLIENT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED, THINGS OF THAT SORT NEEDED TO
5 BE BROUGHT BACK INTO PLACE AND EVEN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
6 WHAT THE ROLE WAS. WHAT IS THE ROLE? IT'S NOT JUST SOMEBODY
7 WHO COUNTS UP THE NUMBERS AT THE END OF THE DAY AND THROWS A
8 REPORT AT YOU BUT GETS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. BUT THE ISSUE,
9 AND I THINK MR. YAROSLAVSKY SAID IT CORRECTLY, TOO, IS THERE
10 ARE TWO SIDES. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE ALL KNOW, WHETHER WE
11 WANT TO ADMIT IT OR NOT, THAT THERE'S A WARFARE GOING ON IN
12 COUNTY COUNSEL AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN SIDES,
13 EITHER. THAT IS NOT MY RESPONSIBILITY AND MY JOB TO SIT HERE
14 AS A REFEREE. I AM ONLY INTERESTED IN GETTING ANSWERS WHEN I
15 ASK QUESTIONS. I WANT THE CORRECT ANSWER. I WANT THE BEST
16 LEGAL ADVICE I CAN GET. I WANT NO ONE TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM
17 ME. YOU HAVE TO SHARE ALL OF THE FACTS IN ORDER FOR ME TO MAKE
18 A DETERMINATION OR A DECISION. AND SO, IN ORDER TO EVALUATE
19 THAT, YOU NEED SOMEONE TO COME IN. THERE'S NO DOUBT THESE ARE
20 SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. YOU WOULD NOT WANT
21 TO GO TO COURT WITH A LAWYER WHO SOMEONE ELSE IS SAYING, WAIT
22 A MINUTE, HE'S HIDING INFORMATION FROM YOU. JUST A MINUTE,
23 YOU'RE NOT GETTING ALL OF THE FACTS. THAT'S NOT EXACTLY THE
24 WAY IT WENT DOWN. THAT WOULD MAKE ANYONE NERVOUS ABOUT GOING
25 TO COURT OR ACCEPTING ADVICE FROM SOMEBODY. NOW-- BUT WE DON'T



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1 KNOW THAT TO BE TRUE OR NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE PURELY
2 ALLEGATIONS AND AGAIN THERE IS A REBUTTAL AND I STARTED
3 READING IT AND HERE ARE MY QUESTIONS FOR IT. IT'S A LONG
4 REPORT. WE GOT IT YESTERDAY AT 4:00. I DIDN'T STAY UP 'TIL
5 11:00 TO READ IT LAST NIGHT AS SOME DID BUT THERE ARE
6 QUESTIONS AND I'LL BE ASKING THEM IN CLOSED SESSION. BUT WHAT
7 WE NEED TO DO IS WE NEED TO BRING BACK INTEGRITY AND TRUST AND
8 SO WHY NOT ASK SOMEONE TO COME IN WHO IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE
9 FIGHT, WHO IS IMPARTIAL, WHO IS GOING TO LOOK BACK AND SAY,
10 NOW, A NONLAWYER MIGHT LOOK AT SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY THAN A
11 LAWYER WOULD BECAUSE THERE'S DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO A
12 CLIENT WHEN IT COMES TO A LAWYER. THEY'RE VERY, VERY UNIQUE
13 AND THEY'RE VERY, VERY SPECIAL AND THEY'RE CODIFIED INTO LAW
14 IN DIFFERENT AREAS BUT TRUST, BY FAR, AND INTEGRITY ARE
15 ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF IT. NOW, I DON'T KNOW, IT'S NOT MY
16 INTEREST TO GET INVOLVED AT THIS POINT IN THIS FIGHT BUT I AM
17 SERIOUS ABOUT THE COST LITIGATION STRATEGY. THIS BOARD
18 SUPPORTED IT. I THINK WE WANT TO GET BEHIND IT. WE KNOW THAT
19 IT CAN WORK. I DON'T WANT IT TO BE COMPROMISED BECAUSE IT JUST
20 DOESN'T MAKE SOMEBODY LOOK AS GOOD BUT I DON'T KNOW. THESE ARE
21 NOW JUST PURELY ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE FLOATING OUT THERE AND I
22 AGREE, THE PROCEDURE WAS PROBABLY NOT APPROPRIATE AS TO HOW IT
23 GOT INTO THE PRESS BUT THE REALITY IS AND THIS IS A PERSONNEL
24 ACTION ON ONE SENSE BUT IT'S MUCH MORE THAN THAT. IT'S AN
25 ISSUE THAT COMPROMISES, AT LEAST FOR US AND THE PUBLIC, THE



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1 ISSUE, INTEGRITY, CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THE LAWYERS THAT
2 ADVISE US EVERY SINGLE DAY TO MAKE THE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF
3 THE PUBLIC EVERY SINGLE DAY. EACH OF US REPRESENT OVER TWO
4 MILLION CONSTITUENTS AND WE SIT HERE AND MAKE ANYWHERE FROM 60
5 TO 120 DECISIONS PER WEEK. ALL OF THEM GO THROUGH THE COUNTY
6 COUNSEL AT SOME LEVEL, WHETHER IT BE A CONTRACT, WHETHER IT BE
7 A MOTION, WHETHER IT BE A RESOLUTION OR A CASE SETTLEMENT. AND
8 SO, CONSEQUENTLY, WE NEED TO RELY ON OUR COUNTY COUNSEL ON A
9 REGULAR BASIS. I DON'T WANT TO RELY ON SOMEONE WHO, WHILE NOT
10 INTENTIONALLY TRYING TO DECEIVE US, MAY WITHHOLD INFORMATION.
11 THAT HAPPENS ALL OF THE TIME, AT ANY OTHER LEVEL. WE ALL ARE A
12 PART OF TRYING TO SKEW SOME OF THE INFORMATION TO GET SOME
13 KIND OF AN OUTCOME. IN THIS INSTANCE, WHAT WE DO NEED IS A
14 FAIR AND IMPARTIAL EVALUATION. I'M NOT SAYING THE AUDITOR IS
15 NOT FAIR AND IMPARTIAL. BY FAR HE IS. WE HAVE TRUSTED HIS
16 GUIDANCE AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HIS REPORTS FOREVER. BUT, EVEN
17 IN THE AUDIT THAT I HAVE REQUESTED OF REVIEWING PROCEDURES AND
18 PROTOCOLS IN THE PAST, THE AUDITOR HIMSELF SAID, "I NEED TO
19 HIRE A LAWYER. A LAWYER NEEDS TO DO THIS WORK." AND SO-- AND I
20 DON'T MEAN TO SAY THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE ANY KIND OF
21 COMPROMISE FROM THE AUDITOR, EITHER, BUT, VERY FRANKLY, THE
22 AUDITOR IS RELYING ON YOU TO GIVE HIM THAT ADVICE AND COUNSEL
23 AS WELL. AND, IN FACT, HAS VARIOUS CASES THAT ARE GOING
24 THROUGH THE SYSTEM THAT INVOLVE THE AUDITOR. AND SO, IN ORDER
25 TO REALLY GET A FULL PICTURE, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TRUTH,



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1 INTEGRITY, AND ALL OF THE INFORMATION, WHY NOT ALLOW IT? SPEND
2 \$25 THOUSAND TO GET AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR THAT WOULD
3 LOOK AT BOTH SIDES OF THIS, MAKE AN HONEST EVALUATION, LET THE
4 CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY. THAT WAY, NO ONE IS ONE SIDE OR THE
5 OTHER. IF YOU HOLD BACK, IF YOU SAY, "NO, I DON'T WANT THE
6 INFORMATION," I THINK THAT WOULD MAKE PEOPLE SUSPICIOUS. IF
7 YOU SAY, "NO, I AM SATISFIED WITH THIS, THIS IS ONE POINT OF
8 VIEW," OR "I AM SATISFIED WITH THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW," THEN
9 YOU'RE JUST TAKING SIDES IN THE WARFARE. WHAT IS WRONG WITH
10 GETTING AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR, A LAWYER TO LOOK AT THE
11 FACTS? LAWYERS UNDERSTAND LAWYERS. AND GET AN EVALUATION THAT
12 COULD BE PRESENTED TO US TO HOPEFULLY STRENGTHEN OUR
13 CONFIDENCE AND OUR TRUST IN OUR OWN COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR
14 LAWYERS. IT DOESN'T HURT. I THINK IT HELPS. AND ANYONE WHO IS
15 FIGHTING GETTING THE FACTS I THINK IS MAKING A MISTAKE.
16 THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE SHOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE BUT BLIND
17 CONFIDENCE IS A HUGE MISTAKE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS FIGHTING THE FACTS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. KNABE, THEN SUPERVISOR
22 YAROSLAVSKY.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SAME THING.
25 NOBODY IS FIGHTING GETTING THE FACTS. I HAVE THE FACTS. I'VE



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1 COME TO A CONCLUSION BASED ON THE FACTS. I HAVE QUESTIONS BUT
2 I HAVE COME TO A CONCLUSION BASED ON THE FACTS. AND I THINK
3 THAT ANYBODY WHO READS MR. NAGLE'S REPORT AND THE RESPONSE-- I
4 SHOULDN'T SAY ANYBODY BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S NOT THE CASE.
5 I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE WAS A HUGE DISPARITY
6 BETWEEN THE TWO REPORTS. THAT'S MY CONCLUSION. NOW, I HAVE-- I
7 MEAN, I'M TRYING TO CONTROL MY TEMPER BECAUSE IT DOES MAKE ME
8 ANGRY. THIS IS ALMOST MCCARTHY-ISTIC IN ITS APPROACH. IF YOU
9 DON'T WANT THE FACTS-- IF YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF THE FACTS, THEN
10 WHY DON'T YOU JUST SPEND THE MONEY TO HIRE AN OUTSIDE LAWYER
11 TO INVESTIGATE YOUR OWN LAWYER? I MEAN, HERE'S HOW IT STARTED.
12 IT STARTED WITH SOMEBODY WHO PUT TOGETHER A DOSSIER-- WHO WAS
13 FIRED. HE THEN PUTS TOGETHER A DOSSIER THAT HE CIRCULATES, I
14 THOUGHT IT WAS CONFIDENTIALLY TO THE FIVE SUPERVISORS. COME TO
15 FIND OUT IT WAS DISTRIBUTED WIDELY TO NEWSPAPER REPORTERS AND
16 THE PRESS, WHICH IS FINE, IT'S HIS RIGHT, BUT THAT'S NOT THE
17 SPIRIT IN WHICH IT WAS DELIVERED TO ME. IT WAS FOLLOWED,
18 WITHIN DAYS, WITH A MOTION BY TWO MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD ASKING
19 FOR INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE OUR COUNTY COUNSEL
20 BASED ON MR. NAGLE'S REPORT, WHICH I THOUGHT, TO PUT IT
21 CHARITABLY, WAS JUMPING THE GUN. I THOUGHT IT WAS PREMATURE.
22 MAYBE IT'S APPROPRIATE, AFTER YOU'VE HEARD FROM MR. FORTNER.
23 BUT, NO, YOU PUT THAT MOTION OUT BEFORE YOU HEARD FROM MR.
24 FORTNER. AND YOU MAY HAVE 50 TABS ON THAT REPORT WITH
25 QUESTIONS ON IT BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE THAT REPORT UNTIL 4:00



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1 YESTERDAY. THIS MOTION WAS PUT ON THE AGENDA LAST FRIDAY. SO
2 IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT HIS RESPONSE WAS. YOU WERE OUT TO GET
3 HIM. NOW, YOU WANT ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WANT TO HIRE AN
4 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR JUST TO GET THE FACTS AND LET THE
5 CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY. I DON'T BELIEVE YOU. I DON'T
6 BELIEVE YOU WANT THE CHIPS TO FALL WHERE THEY MAY BECAUSE, IF
7 YOU WANTED THE CHIPS TO FALL WHERE THEY MAY, YOU WOULD HAVE
8 WAITED FOR HIS RESPONSE BEFORE JUMPING TO THAT CONCLUSION THAT
9 HE WAS GUILTY OR AT LEAST GUILTY ENOUGH TO HAVE AN
10 INVESTIGATION LAUNCHED AGAINST HIM OR ON HIM. SO I DON'T
11 BELIEVE YOU WHEN YOU SAY YOU WANT TO LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE
12 THEY MAY. AND I ASKED MY OTHER COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING MS. BURKE
13 AND MR. KNABE, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO-- YOU'RE TRYING
14 TO THREAD A NEEDLE HERE, BUT THERE IS REALLY VERY LITTLE
15 DIFFERENCE IN THE MESSAGE IT SENDS, WHETHER IT'S THE AUDITOR-
16 CONTROLLER OR WHETHER IT'S AN OUTSIDE ATTORNEY OR AN
17 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR. I THINK THE QUESTION IS, DO WE NOT
18 TRUST HIM ENOUGH THAT WE NEED TO HAVE-- DO WE NOT TRUST HIM?
19 AND DO WE NOT TRUST OUR OWN MINDS TO LOOK AT THIS AND COME TO
20 A CONCLUSION? MR. KNABE, YOU JUST SAID YOU READ THIS REPORT
21 LAST NIGHT. I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE REPORT. I READ THE
22 REPORT LAST NIGHT. I KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE REPORT. IF I
23 HAD NOT BEEN SATISFIED WITH THIS REPORT LAST NIGHT, I MIGHT
24 HAVE SUPPORTED A MOTION TO HAVE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO LOOK
25 AT IT AS A PRELIMINARY STEP. BUT JUST BECAUSE SOMEBODY MAKES



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1 AN ACCUSATION AGAINST MY LAWYER DOESN'T MEAN I GOT TO JUMP TO
2 INVESTIGATE MY LAWYER OR THE COUNTY'S LAWYER. I DON'T THINK
3 IT'S RISEN TO THAT LEVEL. AND I THINK THOSE WHO HAVE READ THIS
4 KNOW EXACTLY WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT AND, OF COURSE, WE'RE AT A
5 DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT, LEGALLY. WE
6 CAN'T-- I SAID 20 PAGES. WITH THE APPENDIX, THIS IS 30 PAGES,
7 SINGLE SPACED, EVERY DETAIL, INCLUDING THE RAMIREZ CASE,
8 ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE RESPONDED TO IN HERE, INCLUDING THE
9 PITCHESS MOTIONS THAT WERE RAISED ARE RESPONDED TO IN HERE,
10 EVERY CASE. BUT I CAN'T READ FROM THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD PUT
11 THE COUNTY IN A LIABILITY SITUATION BECAUSE IT'S A
12 CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL MATTER, UNFORTUNATELY. SO, BECAUSE I'M
13 HANDICAPPED AND HE'S HANDICAPPED, WE'RE GOING TO BE BROWBEATEN
14 INTO LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION INTO HIM? I'M NOT GOING TO DO
15 IT AND I'LL BE THE ONE VOTE WHO DOESN'T DO IT AND DON'T YOU
16 TELL ME THAT I DON'T WANT THE FACTS. I'VE GOT THE FACTS AND I
17 CAN ASK A THOUSAND QUESTIONS. I CAN PUT THEM IN WRITING AND I
18 CAN COPY THEM TO MY COLLEAGUES AND HE CAN THEN RESPOND TO THEM
19 AND COPY MY COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE BIG STAFFS ON THIS BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, WELL PAID, NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF STAFFS. THEY SPEND
21 A LOT OF TIME LOOKING INTO PEOPLE AND DIGGING THINGS, DIGGING
22 INTO ALL KINDS OF THINGS. THEY CAN CERTAINLY DIG INTO THIS
23 REPORT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. BUT-- AND YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE
24 DOING. I THINK YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE DOING WHEN YOU LAUNCH--
25 YOU CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO YOUR DEPARTMENT HEAD, YOU



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1 SHOT ACROSS HIS BOW. AND, REALLY, AT THE END OF DAY, IT'S NOT
2 HIS BOW, YOU SHOT ACROSS OUR BOW BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE
3 DAY, I'VE SAID IT ONCE, I'VE SAID IT A THOUSAND TIMES, IT'S
4 THAT OLD LINE FROM THE MAN OF LA MANCHA, WHETHER THE STONE
5 HITS THE PITCHER OR THE PITCHER HITS THE STONE, IT'S GOING TO
6 BE BAD FOR THE PITCHER. WE'RE THE PITCHER. SO NO MATTER HOW
7 MANY ALLEGATIONS YOU LAUNCH AND HOW MANY MOTIONS AND HOW MANY
8 INVESTIGATIONS YOU LAUNCH AGAINST HIM, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH,
9 THIS OR THAT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT REFLECTS ON THIS BOARD
10 AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WHO HAS READ THIS WOULD COME TO THE
11 CONCLUSION THAT HE OUGHT TO GO BECAUSE-- AFTER READING HIS
12 RESPONSE, I DON'T SEE IT. MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE DOES AND, IF
13 THAT'S THE CASE, THEN LET'S HAVE THAT DISCUSSION. I-- YOU
14 KNOW, AND-- YOU TALK ABOUT PRECEDENT. THERE IS NO-- I'VE BEEN
15 HERE ALMOST 12 YEARS. THERE IS NO PRECEDENT FOR THIS. WE'VE
16 NEVER HAD A MOTION PROMULGATED BY A PERSONNEL ACTION TAKEN BY
17 A DEPARTMENT HEAD THAT I'M AWARE OF THAT LAUNCHED AN
18 INVESTIGATION INTO THAT DEPARTMENT HEAD. AND IF THAT'S THE WAY
19 WE'RE GOING TO DO BUSINESS HERE FROM NOW ON, THEN EVERY
20 DEPARTMENT HEAD'S GOING TO CHECK WITH SOME OF US, I GUESS IN
21 SOME CASES, OR ALL OF US IN OTHER CASES, "I WANT TO FIRE MY
22 DEPUTY, I WANT TO FIRE MY DIVISION HEAD BUT, BEFORE I DO IT, I
23 WANT TO RUN IT BY YOU." I DON'T WANT PEOPLE COMING TO ME
24 ASKING ME TO DO THAT. THAT'S WHY WE PAY THEM THE BIG BUCKS,
25 THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND THEY DO GET BIG BUCKS. SO I WOULD



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1 APPEAL-- YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO
2 CLOSED SESSION OR NOT, BUT I WOULD APPEAL TO MY COLLEAGUES NOT
3 TO APPROVE, AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME-- IF YOU HAVE 50
4 QUESTIONS OR A HUNDRED QUESTIONS BASED ON THIS REPORT, POSE
5 THE QUESTIONS TO HIM AND GET THE ANSWERS TO THEM. SHARE THEM
6 WITH THE REST OF US. MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE
7 OVERLOOKED AND THEN WE CAN SEE WHERE WE GO FROM THERE. BUT
8 THIS THING HAS BEEN KANGAROO COURT FROM DAY ONE. IT'S BEEN
9 COOKED AND I DON'T LIKE IT. AND I WILL STAND ALONE IN THAT
10 REGARD IF THAT'S WHERE I HAVE TO BE BUT I DO BELIEVE STRONGLY
11 IN DUE PROCESS AND IN COMMON SENSE AND, IN THIS PARTICULAR
12 CASE, THAT WAS NOT OFFERED. AND, OF ALL THE PEOPLE NOT TO
13 OFFER IT TO, AMONG OUR DOCUMENT HEADS, IS OUR OWN ATTORNEY.
14 AND IT'S NOT HIM-- I'M GOING TO SAY IT AND WITH THIS, I'M
15 GOING TO STOP. IT'S NOT JUST HIM. IT'S THE FIVE OF US WHO ARE
16 ON TRIAL IN THAT RESPECT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT, YOU KNOW,
19 SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND TO RESTORE AND ENSURE
20 CREDIBILITY NEEDS TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE REVIEW THOSE
21 ALLEGATIONS. THERE OUGHT NOT TO BE ANY FEAR OF AN OPENNESS OF
22 A REVIEW OF THE FACTS AND A FAIR AND OBJECTIVE REPORT TO
23 ANSWER THE ALLEGATIONS. SOME OF THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE NOT NEW,
24 THEY'VE BEEN RAISED BEFORE, THEY'VE HAVE BEEN RAISED IN
25 EXECUTIVE SESSION AS TO SOME OF THE METHODS AND PROCEDURES



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1 THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE, SO IT'S NOT A NEW SITUATION. BUT
2 HAVING A FAIR, OBJECTIVE ENTITY DO THE REVIEW, MAKE ANALYSIS
3 AND REPORT TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS HELPS THE OFFICE AND THE
4 BOARD FUNCTION IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, UNFORTUNATELY, I THINK ZEV IS EXTREME AT
7 THE OTHER END, AS EXTREME AS, YOU KNOW, THE INVESTIGATOR IS. I
8 MEAN, IF THAT WAS THE CASE, ZEV, THEN WE'D NEVER REFER
9 ANYTHING TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR REVIEW, WE'D NEVER
10 REFER AN ALLEGATION. I MEAN, MY GOLLY, HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU
11 DO THAT? THAT'S ALL THIS IS LOOKING FOR, SUPERVISOR BURKE'S
12 MOTION, NOT THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR BUT TO SORT OF SORT
13 IT OUT TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT MY EVALUATION IS A-OKAY AFTER
14 READING. I'M CONTENT WITH HIS REPORT, ABSOLUTELY. I DON'T HAVE
15 ANY DISAGREEMENT WITH RAY'S REPORT. I THINK IT WAS MALICIOUS
16 ON MR. NAGLE'S PART TO DO WHAT HE DID. BUT, AT THE OTHER END,
17 WE ARE THE PITCHER AND JUST TO SHORT OF SHOVE IT AWAY AND SAY,
18 "WE DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT IT" NOW THAT IT'S BEEN EXPOSED
19 PUBLICLY I THINK IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. SO I DON'T AGREE WITH
20 THE EXTREME OF GOING TO AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL OR INVESTIGATOR
21 BUT AT LEAST WE HAVE AN AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, THERE WAS A MOTION
22 THAT WAS BROUGHT IN TO ALLOW THEM TO START THE AUDIT, TO SOME
23 PROCEDURE TO LOOK AT COUNTY COUNSEL. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER PART
24 OF IT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DO YOU WANT HIM TO AUDIT, SPECIFICALLY?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WANT SOMEONE TO LOOK WITH ANOTHER SET OF
4 EYES THAN MINE. I AM CONTENT WITH MR. FORTNER'S RESPONSE TO
5 MR. NAGLE'S CLAIMS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE ALLEGATIONS ARE BROAD. THEY GO FROM
8 A MASSIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO ARITHMETIC PROBLEMS. DO YOU
9 WANT HIM TO DO JUST THE ARITHMETIC PROBLEMS OR DO YOU WANT HIM
10 TO LOOK INTO WHETHER HE'S GOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES, I THINK, ARE
13 SEPARATE FROM WHAT THE AUDITOR MAY OR MAY NOT DO.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO YOU DON'T WANT HIM TO LOOK AT THE
16 CONFLICT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE THAT'S AN INTERNAL THING THAT WE HAVE TO
19 DEAL WITH MR. FORTNER ON.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES, HE WAS ALREADY
22 LOOKING AT THOSE, AND, IF THEY HAVE BEEN ERODED, IT WOULD BE A
23 CONTINUATION OF WHAT WAS ALREADY A-- AN ASSIGNMENT TO THE
24 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. AND, YOU KNOW, HE'S ALREADY STARTED WITH
25 THIS. IT WOULD BE JUST A MATTER OF WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD



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1 CONTINUE AND LOOK-- TO LOOK AT WHETHER OR NOT-- I'M ONLY
2 INTERESTED IN THE PROCESS OF WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE BROKEN
3 DOWN OUR WHOLE LITIGATION REVIEW, WHETHER OR NOT THE
4 ROUNDTABLES HAVE BROKEN DOWN. THESE ARE THE ISSUES I THINK WE
5 SHOULD BE INVOLVED WITH IN TERMS OF-- AND I ASSUME THAT THAT'S
6 WHAT OUR CONCERN IS. NOW, WHO'S RIGHT AND WHO-- YOU KNOW, WHO
7 GOT NOTICE TWO WEEKS AGO THAT THEY REALLY WEREN'T DOING THEIR
8 JOB OR SIX MONTHS AGO THEY DIDN'T REALLY GET A JOB OR DID HE
9 REALLY GET A NOTICE AND DID SOMEBODY ELSE TAKE HIS SIDE OR
10 THAT, TO ME, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THOSE KIND OF
11 PERSONNEL ISSUES, YOU COULD HAVE EVERY INVESTIGATOR AND EVERY
12 LAWYER IN LOS ANGELES LOOK AT IT AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
13 RESOLVE WHO'S RIGHT AND WHO'S WRONG IN TERMS OF A PERSONNEL
14 ISSUE LIKE THAT WHERE TWO PEOPLE ARE OBVIOUSLY TAKING TWO
15 DIFFERENT POSITIONS. I THINK WE NEED TO GO FORWARD AND LOOK AT
16 THE PROCESS THAT WE'VE SET UP IN TERMS OF TRYING TO REDUCE OUR
17 COSTS, WHETHER OR NOT IT'S FALLING APART, WHETHER OR NOT IT'S
18 ACTIVE, HOW IT'S GOING TO GO FORWARD AND THOSE ISSUES, I
19 THINK, THE AUDITOR IS THE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO LOOK AT. THE
20 AUDITOR CAN BRING AN ATTORNEY IN BUT WHAT HE WILL DO IS HE
21 WILL EVALUATE WHAT AN ATTORNEY SHOULD LOOK AT RATHER THAN
22 PUTTING EVERYTHING OUT THERE FOR THE ATTORNEY TO LOOK AT.
23



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** EXACTLY. I MEAN, THAT'S ALL I'M-- I MEAN, THAT'S
2 WHY I AGREED TO GO ON YOUR MOTION IS IT'S VERY SPECIFIC
3 BECAUSE...

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. I MEAN, EVEN IF HE HAS A LAWYER, HE'S GOING
6 TO BE ABLE TO SIPHON THROUGH AND SEE THOSE THINGS THAT ARE
7 PART OF OUR PRIVATE LITIGATION STRATEGIES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW DO YOU REPORT THE NUMBERS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S RIGHT. SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WE HAVE AN AMENDED...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT CONFINING THE
16 AUDITOR'S REPORT-- OR THE AUDITOR'S REVIEW TO THE ISSUES OF
17 THE NUMBERS DISPUTE AND THE ALLEGATIONS THAT NUMBERS, DOLLAR
18 FIGURES WERE MANIPULATED FROM YEAR TO YEAR? IS THAT IT?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S BASICALLY IT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D BE WILLING TO AGREE TO THAT.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ALLEGED CONFLICT
2 OF INTEREST, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT HE-SAID/SHE-SAID KINDS OF
3 THINGS BUT REALLY NUMBERS, BASIC DOCUMENTS?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HIS RESPONSE TO THOSE
6 ALLEGATIONS. THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT LET ME UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE JUST SAYING NOW
9 DON'T EVEN INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF WHAT?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT MR. NAGLE HAS RAISED.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, YOU KNOW, LET ME JUST SAY THIS. IF WE HAVE
16 AN ALLEGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WE'RE THE ONES WHO
17 ARE SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT THAT. YOU KNOW, IF THERE IS A PERSON
18 THAT IS ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT'S IN CONFLICT OF
19 INTEREST, WE SHOULD LOOK AT THAT OURSELVES. WE SHOULD SIT DOWN
20 AND GET THE INFORMATION. THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THE AUDITOR
21 LOOKS AT, THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT A LAWYER OVER HERE LOOKS
22 AT. THOSE ARE THINGS WE HAVE TO LOOK AT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HOPE THAT THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO
25 BECAUSE I COULD BRING IN A MOTION THAT WE INVESTIGATE SOME OF



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1 THESE CONFLICTS DIRECTLY. I WOULD RATHER HAVE-- I MEAN, I
2 DON'T REALLY WANT TO DO THAT. I WOULD PREFER-- I MEAN, THESE
3 ARE ONLY ALLEGATIONS, MS. BURKE, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE
4 TRUE OR NOT TRUE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND SO WHY ARE YOU GOING TO SEND THEM OUT TO A
7 LAWYER TO LOOK AT THEM?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DIDN'T WANT TO SEND-- EXCUSE ME!

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DO YOU SAY THEY'RE NOT...

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MS. MOLINA HAS THE FLOOR.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DO YOU SAY THEY'RE NOT ONLY ALLEGATIONS
16 BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE TRUE OR NOT TRUE? IF
17 THEY'RE NOT ONLY ALLEGATIONS, WHAT ARE THEY?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE ALLEGATIONS...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GLORIA, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY. WORDS
22 MATTER.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, EXCUSE ME. IF YOU LET ME SAY IT, I'LL GET
25 OUT. ALLEGATIONS ARE EXACTLY THAT, SOMEBODY ALLEGES SOMETHING,



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1 ALL RIGHT? NOW, SOMEBODY ELSE HAS ALLEGED, AND, AGAIN, EITHER
2 THIS IS AN ALLEGATION AS WELL OR A RESPONSE BUT THIS IS ONE
3 INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSE AND THIS IS THE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS
4 RESPONDING WITH REGARD TO THE ALLEGATIONS. NOW, AGAIN, I DON'T
5 WANT TO GET INTO A BATTLE. I AM FINE WITH THE ISSUE OF THE
6 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER LOOKING AT THIS, IF THAT'S WHERE YOU WANT
7 TO GO.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LOOKING AT WHAT?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE ALLEGATIONS. LEAVE IT AT THAT. THE
12 ALLEGATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT
15 BECAUSE THE ALLEGATIONS ARE FROM "A" "Z."

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THERE ARE BASICALLY FOUR OR FIVE
18 ALLEGATIONS...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, THERE ARE MORE THAN THAT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...THAT I READ. AGAIN, I THINK THAT-- I'M WILLING
23 TO GO WITH MS. BURKE AND MR. KNABE'S MOTION. I THINK IT IS
24 SIMPLE, IT IS CLEAR. IT ISN'T ALL I WANT BUT IT'S NOT A BAD
25 COMPROMISE AND SO-- BUT NOW YOU WANT TO SAY ONLY CERTAIN



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1 THINGS WE WANT TO LOOK AT, SO I JUST WISH THAT WE COULD LEAVE
2 IT. I'M WILLING TO COMPROMISE. MR. KNABE SAID IT WAS AN
3 EXTREME, MAYBE IT IS, BUT I JUST WANTED SOMETHING SEPARATE AND
4 APART BUT I'M WILLING TO GO WITH THAT AS A MIDDLE GROUND.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I ASK MR. MCCAULEY COME UP HERE? HE'S
7 HERE AND-- DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? I THOUGHT YOU DID.
8 I'M NOT INVITING YOU TO BUT...

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, IT WOULDN'T HURT FOR
11 YOU TO GIVE SOME DIRECTION IN TERMS OF WHERE WE SHOULD-- WHERE
12 THE LINE IS DRAWN. I THINK THAT'S WHAT OUR PROBLEM IS.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, I MEAN, I THINK THERE ISN'T A CLEAR
15 LINE. THE COUNTY CODE, UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE, SAYS, "SERVICE AT
16 PLEASURE OF APPOINTING AUTHORITY. EACH PERSON APPOINTED TO A
17 POSITION IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION
18 33 OF THE CHARTER, SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF HIS OR HER
19 APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND MAY BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME AT THE
20 DISCRETION OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE."
21 WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE. "NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS OR OTHER
22 TITLES IN CHAPTERS OF THIS CODE SHALL ALTER OR OTHERWISE BE
23 CONSTRUED TO AFFECT THE AT-PLEASURE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ANY
24 PERSON EMPLOYED IN A POSITION WITHIN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE"
25 AND I THINK THE CHARTER WAS CHANGED, IF I RECALL, AT THE



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1 INSTIGATION OF SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING
2 DEPARTMENT HEADS TO TERMINATE EMPLOYEES WITHOUT CAUSE. THE
3 ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS IS IF IT'S DISCRIMINATION. ONLY
4 EXCEPTION. SO, MR. FORTNER, BY BOARD, BY CHARTER AND BOARD
5 ORDINANCE, HAS THE AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE, WITHOUT CAUSE,
6 ANYONE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE. THAT IS WHAT THIS IS ALL
7 ABOUT. THAT IS WHAT STARTED THIS. THIS IS WHAT THE FRIDAY
8 MOTION WAS ABOUT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE ISSUE IS RELATIVE TO THE CLIENT
11 ATTORNEY RELATIONSHIP AND THOSE ISSUES RAISED. WE'RE NOT HERE
12 TO REHIRE MR. NAGLE OR TO FIRE MR. NAGLE; WE ARE HERE TO
13 REVIEW THE ATTORNEY CLIENT INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED AND
14 HAVE AN ASSESSMENT BY AN INDEPENDENT BODY RELATIVE TO THE
15 ISSUES RAISED. THIS NOT A PERSONNEL ISSUE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** AS SOON AS I GOT THE DOCUMENT FROM MR. NAGLE OR
18 WHOEVER SENT IT TO ME, IT WAS OBVIOUS MR. FORTNER MADE THE
19 RIGHT DECISION.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** IT SAYS SUSPEND ANY ORGANIZATION OR PERSONNEL
22 CHANGES THAT WOULD AFFECT EITHER THE POSITION OF LITIGATION
23 COST MANAGER OR THE POLICIES. THE MOTION SAYS.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE ISSUE IS DEALING WITH THE
2 ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE RAISED RELATIVE TO THE REPORT THAT WE
3 EACH RECEIVED.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS MOTION WE HAVE BEFORE US
6 SAYS. THIS MOTION SAYS, IN OTHER WORDS, DON'T FIRE ANYONE.
7 THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS WE OUGHT TO GET
10 ALL OF THE FACTS BEFORE WE MAKE ANY...

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** IT SAYS...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. LET'S HAVE ALL THE OF THE
15 FACTS...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ...SUSPEND ANY ORGANIZATIONAL OR PERSONNEL
18 CHANGES.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT, MS. BURKE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?!

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S ENTITLED TO FIRE-- LET ME EXPLAIN. HE'S
25 ENTITLED TO FIRE ANYBODY HE WANTS. I'M JUST SAYING THERE'S



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1 REORGANIZATION GOING ON AS TO HOW IT'S GOING TO BE DONE. WE'RE
2 SAYING, LET'S WAIT UNTIL THE AUDIT COMES OUT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, SUSPEND USUALLY MEANS DON'T...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF YOU FIND THE RIGHT WORD BUT, EVEN THOUGH-- AT
7 THIS POINT IN TIME, WE ARE SUPPORTING YOUR MOTION, MS. BURKE,
8 WE'RE SUPPORTING YOUR MOTION. AND IF I COULD, SINCE I'VE BEEN
9 CALLED UPON, LET ME READ THE ALLEGATIONS. THIS IS NOT A
10 PERSONNEL ISSUE. OKAY?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I...

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME. I WILL READ, I WILL READ-- EXCUSE ME!!

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS THE FLOOR
17 AND WE'LL RECOGNIZE...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME READ THE ALLEGATIONS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I'M GOING TO READ THE RESPONSE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** FAILURE TO PROVIDE TIMELY INFORMATION TO THE
24 BOARD. THAT'S AN ALLEGATION THAT WE WOULD LIKE. FAILURE TO
25 COMPLY WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. SILENCING OF COUNTY



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1 COUNSEL. MANIPULATION AND EDITING OUT CRITICAL INFORMATION
2 FROM REPORTS. POTENTIAL MANIPULATION OF DATA TO LOWER REPORTED
3 IN-HOUSE FEES. SIGNIFICANT DELAY IN PROVIDING REPORT OF RMIS
4 DELAYED PRODUCTION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS. DETERIORATION OF THE
5 EXTENT OF INQUIRY DURING ROUNDTABLE PROCESS. FEWER CASES TAKEN
6 TO TRIAL AND DETERIORATION OF TRIAL RESULTS DURING 2005/2006
7 COMPARED TO OTHER YEARS. FEWER DISMISSALS OCCURRED DURING F.Y.
8 2005/2006 THAN DURING PRIOR YEARS. SENIOR MANAGEMENT
9 CRITICIZED LITIGATION COST MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR NOT
10 CONDUCTING QUARTERLY ROUNDTABLES. WHEN QUARTERLY ROUNDTABLES
11 WERE REINSTITUTED, SENIOR MANAGEMENT OBJECTED TO THE VOLUME OF
12 CASES SET FOR QUARTERLY ROUNDTABLE. AND, FINALLY, INDIVIDUAL
13 CASES WHERE THERE WAS AN INTENTIONAL DISREGARD FOR POLICIES
14 AND PROCEDURES, CRITICAL INFORMATION WAS NOT PROVIDED TO THE
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND INHERENT CONFLICTS WERE NOT
16 DISCLOSED. NOW, THOSE ARE THE ALLEGATIONS. THESE ARE NOT
17 PERSONNEL ISSUES, OKAY? NOW, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT, IF SOMEONE
18 WHO HAS BEEN DISMISSED WHO IS RAISING THEM, AND THAT'S ALL
19 WE'RE SAYING. THOSE ARE THE ISSUES THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED. HE
20 HAS A RIGHT TO FIRE WHOEVER. I DON'T DISPUTE THAT. THAT IS HIS
21 ENTITLEMENT, HE CAN DO THAT AND THERE'S NOTHING IN THE
22 INVESTIGATION THAT IS ASKING FOR ANY KIND OF REINSTATEMENT.

23
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST FOR THE RECORD IF I COULD...



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. JUST FOR THE RECORD, I'M NOT GOING TO
4 READ FROM IT. MAYBE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO LEAKED THE OTHER ONE
5 WILL LEAK THIS ONE AND IT WILL GET GOOD CIRCULATION BUT I
6 WON'T VIOLATE THAT-- MY RESPONSIBILITY. HOWEVER, THE RECORD
7 SHOULD REFLECT THAT THERE ARE PAGES AND PAGES OF RESPONSES TO
8 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE SO-CALLED ALLEGATIONS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT ANY OBJECTIVE, AND I UNDERScore
13 OBJECTIVE, READER OF THE RESPONSE, IF YOU PUT MR. NAGLE'S AND
14 MR. FORTNER'S DOCUMENTS SIDE BY SIDE, I BELIEVE WOULD
15 CONCLUDE, AS I HAVE AND AS MR. KNABE HAS, AND I THINK AS MS.
16 BURKE HAS AND AS MR. JANSSEN HAS, THERE IS JUST NO COMPARISON
17 IN THE QUALITY AND THE VERACITY OF THE REPORTS. NOW, HAVING
18 SAID THAT, I WANT TO GET BACK TO THE ISSUE AT HAND. TYLER,
19 YOU'RE THE AUDITOR WHO THIS MOTION'S BEING ASKED TO-- WHAT DO
20 YOU FEEL COMPETENT IN YOUR SHOP TO BE ABLE TO ASSESS? I MEAN,
21 YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THIS SO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS
22 GENERALLY ALL ABOUT.

23

24 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE. CERTAINLY,
25 WITH REGARD TO ANY OF THE NUMBERS, YOU REFERRED THE TERM WAS



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1 ARITHMETIC. TO ME, IT WAS JUST THE NUMBERS IN THE REPORTS. WE
2 CAN AND ACTUALLY ARE, AT THIS TIME, TRYING TO VERIFY IF THEY
3 WERE APPROPRIATELY REPORTED. IT APPEARS THERE'S BEEN SOME
4 ERRORS AND PERIODS IN WHICH THEY WERE REPORTED. WE HAVE TO
5 FINISH THAT PART OF THE INVESTIGATION. RECORDING THE
6 ALLEGATIONS AS ENUMERATED JUST A MINUTE AGO, SOME OF THOSE
7 ALLEGATIONS, I HAVE QUICKLY READ BOTH REPORTS. I QUICKLY READ
8 BOTH REPORTS. THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY VERY DIFFERENT IN THEIR
9 CONCLUSION AND THE FACTUAL CONTENT IN BOTH REPORTS. AN
10 AUDITOR, INVESTIGATOR, COULD LOOK ON SOME OF THOSE ISSUES AND
11 DETERMINE THE ANSWER WAS "YES" OR "NO" BECAUSE IT WOULD BE
12 BLACK AND WHITE. THERE WOULD BE EVIDENTIAL MATTER SOME PLACE
13 IN AS CASE FILE OR SOMETHING THAT WOULD SAY YES OR NO. SOME OF
14 THE ALLEGATIONS, THOUGH, GO AS TO MOTIVE FOR SOMEONE DOING
15 SOMETHING OR NOT DOING SOMETHING. I'M NOT SURE I WOULD FIND,
16 IN ALL MY YEARS OF INVESTIGATION, THAT I WOULD FIND EVIDENTIAL
17 MATTER TO PROVE OR NOT PROVE SOME OF THOSE THINGS. SO I GUESS
18 MY ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTIONS, I COULD DO THE NUMBERS, I COULD
19 DO PART OF THE ALLEGATIONS WHERE I COULD FIND ANY EVIDENTIAL
20 MATTER IN COMPARING THE REPORTS.

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EFFECT IN EVIDENCE-BASED ALLEGATIONS.



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1 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** EVIDENCE BASED, WHERE I CAN FIND SOMETHING
2 THAT SAYS, IN THE CASE FILE, THERE WAS A ROUNDTABLE, THIS IS
3 WHAT THE ROUNDTABLE CONCLUDED AND THIS IS WHAT WE DID.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MS. BURKE, WOULD YOU-- MR. KNABE, WOULD YOU
6 BE WILLING...

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WAS THE INTENT THAT I WAS WILLING TO GO ON
9 THE MOTION FOR, NOT THE HE HE-SAID/SHE-SAID PART.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I WOULD AMEND IT AND I WANT TO JUST SAY
12 IT SO THAT IT'S IN THE RECORD, THAT THE AUDITOR, THAT MS.
13 BURKE'S MOTION, MS. BURKE AND MR. KNABE'S MOTION, BE AMENDED
14 TO DEFINE THE SCOPE OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REVIEW TO THE
15 EVIDENCE AND FACT-BASED ISSUES IN THE TWO DOCUMENTS, MR.
16 NAGLE'S AND MR. FORTNER'S, AS WELL AS THE-- I CALL THEM THE
17 ARITHMETIC, THE FINANCIAL, THE ACCOUNTING ISSUES.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE POLICY ISSUES.

20

21 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE ONE FINAL COMMENT. AT SOME
22 POINT, AS I'VE DONE IN THE FIRST-- IN SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
23 MOTION WHEN I DID-- I'M DOING THAT INVESTIGATION, I DID ASK
24 FOR AN ATTORNEY, I WOULD BE ASKED, IF I RUN INTO SOMETHING



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1 THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN OUTSIDE ATTORNEY, THAT I BE GIVEN THE
2 AUTHORIZATION...

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, OF COURSE!

5

6 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** ...TO GO GET AN ATTORNEY TO DO THAT. I MAY
7 NOT. I ADMIT THE FACTS MAY BE IN THE CASE FILE BUT, IF THEY'RE
8 NOT OR IF IT COMES TO AN ATTORNEY, I'M NOT AN ATTORNEY, NOR
9 ARE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF, SO I MAY HAVE TO ASK FOR LEGAL
10 ADVICE. AND I'D HAVE TO FIND IT ON THE OUTSIDE. I HAD A
11 TERRIFIC PROBLEM TRYING TO FIND AN ATTORNEY WHO IS NOT
12 ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY IN SOME WAY IN TRYING TO DO THE
13 FIRST STUDY FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I FOUND SOMEONE, I THINK,
14 WHO WAS INDEPENDENT AND THEY ARE NOW LOOKING AT SOME CASES,
15 SIX CASES, AS YOU INDICATED, SUPERVISOR BURKE. SO THAT'S KIND
16 OF THE PARAMETERS ON WHICH I COULD DO SOMETHING POSITIVE, I
17 BELIEVE, AND GET BACK TO YOUR BOARD AND TELL YOU WHAT'S THERE.
18 WHETHER OR NOT THEN YOU WOULD WANT TO GO FORWARD IN ANOTHER
19 MANNER WITH ANOTHER INVESTIGATOR OR PRIVATE, I THINK WE COULD
20 DO SOMETHING AT THAT POINT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** ROLL CALL.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE THAT...

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. MAYOR?

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE THAT WRITTEN DOWN?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I DO HAVE THE AMENDMENT. I NEED A SECOND ON
6 IT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SECOND IT.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE AMENDMENT TO YOURS. SO WHAT I BELIEVE
11 I'M CALLING ROLL ON IS THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION AMENDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. I WILL
13 READ IT FOR THE RECORD. DIRECT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO
14 IMMEDIATELY COMMENCE THE AUDIT INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS
15 SPECIFIC TO EVIDENCE AND FACT-BASED ISSUES AND CONDUCT AN
16 ARITHMETIC REVIEW CONTAINED IN MR. NAGLE'S LETTER DATED
17 OCTOBER 16TH AND REPORT BACK IN WRITING TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30
18 DAYS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. CALL THE ROLL.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE. SO ORDERED. OKAY. THANK YOU, TYLER.

16 THANK YOU. WE WILL HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME. FIRST, IF

17 WE COULD PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK WAIVING THE FEE FOR

18 THE COUNTY MALL FOR THE 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN

19 FAMINE GENOCIDE OF 1932-1933 WHICH CLAIMED THE LIVES OF 5

20 MILLION MEN AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE UKRAINE BY THE

21 SOVIET UNION TO BE SCHEDULED IN THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL OR

22 HOLDOMORE MEMORIAL ON NOVEMBER 19TH, 2006, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE

23 COUNTY MALL. WE COULD PUT THAT ON FOR NEXT WEEK.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE SOME FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN DOWN
2 HERE SINCE EARLY THIS MORNING IN REGARDS TO A BRIDGE ISSUE IN
3 MY DISTRICT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET'S CALL UP SUSAN LYNCH, CORINA
6 MADINYA, MICHAEL O'CONNOR JANENE GERL. AND AFTER THEY SPEAK,
7 WE ALSO HAVE TAMMY SCHAUB AND CATHY LUKEHART WHO WANT TO SPEAK
8 ON THAT ISSUE AS WELL. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD
9 BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

10

11 **SUSAN LYNCH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SUSAN LYNCH. I AM A
12 RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE IS OUR SUPERVISOR.
13 I'M HERE AS ONE AMONG A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORS TO EXPRESS CONCERN
14 ABOUT L.A. COUNTY BRIDGE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE,
15 EXCUSE ME, 1530. THIS BRIDGE WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT TO CONNECT
16 OUR NEIGHBORHOOD YOUNGSTERS WHO WERE LIVING IN THE CITY OF
17 LONG BEACH TO HAWAIIAN GARDENS. THE REASON THAT WE'RE HERE
18 TODAY IS THAT, BEFORE I TELL YOU WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY, I
19 WANTED TO MENTION THAT WE LIVE IN A PART OF LONG BEACH WHERE A
20 NUMBER OF OFFICIALS HAVE COME OUT AND THEY'VE EXPRESSED
21 ADMIRATION BECAUSE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS SO CULTURALLY AND
22 ETHNICALLY DIVERSE. IN FACT, ON MY STREET ALONE, MY LITTLE
23 CUL-DE-SAC, WE LIVE ON THE BORDER OF L.A. AND ORANGE COUNTY.
24 IF YOU COME INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, THERE ARE LANGUAGES
25 REPRESENTED, LIKE TGALIC, VIETNAMESE, TAIWANESE, SPANISH AND,



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1 OF COURSE, ENGLISH. WE ARE AN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD, AFTER
2 ALL. I, MYSELF, AM VERY PROUD TO BE A CALIFORNIAN OF FOUR
3 GENERATIONS ON MY DAD'S SIDE AND A SECOND GENERATION
4 CALIFORNIAN ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE. MY MOTHER IS ORIGINALLY FROM
5 TAIWAN. SO I'M VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS
6 A VERY POSITIVE REPRESENTATION OF THE DIVERSITY OF L.A.
7 COUNTY. THE REASON I BRING THAT UP, THOUGH, IS THAT BECAUSE,
8 IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY ON THIS
9 ISSUE REGARDING THE BRIDGE, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME VOICES WHO
10 HAVE SUGGESTED THAT OUR CONCERNS ARE MORE ALONG THE LINES OF
11 RACISM. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO DISPEL THAT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE WE
12 ARE HERE FOR ONE REASON AND ONE REASON ONLY, BECAUSE WE ARE
13 CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, NOT ONLY IN OUR SMALL EDGE OF
14 LONG BEACH BUT ALSO IN THE ADJOINING NEIGHBORHOOD OF HAWAIIAN
15 GARDENS, AS WELL AS THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES OF LOS
16 ALAMITOS AND CYPRESS. I WANTED TO READ JUST ONE EXCERPT FROM--
17 I WOULD LIKE THIS TO GO ON THE PUBLIC RECORD ALSO, FOR MY
18 NEIGHBOR WHO COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, THAT, RATHER THAN BE
19 CONCERNED ABOUT DISCRIMINATION OR BIAS, OUR ISSUES ARE RELATED
20 TO PUBLIC RECORD STATISTICS, NOT TO MENTION PERSONAL
21 EXPERIENCE, WHICH ILLUSTRATE AN UNUSUALLY HIGH CONCENTRATION
22 OF GANG ACTIVITY, CRIME, DRUG TRAFFICKING, AS WELL AS
23 REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS ALL WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE WEST SIDE
24 OF THIS PARTICULAR BRIDGE. WE LIVE ON THE EAST SIDE IN LONG
25 BEACH AND THEN THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE IS IN HAWAIIAN



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1 GARDENS. THE STATISTICS ARE NUMBERS WITHOUT NATIONALITY, SO
2 DISCRIMINATION REALLY DOESN'T PLAY HERE. WE DON'T CARE WHAT
3 NATIONALITY THESE SOCIETAL OFFENDERS ARE OR WHERE THEY LIVE.
4 THE FACT IS, THE ACTIVITY OCCURS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE
5 BRIDGE IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS. SIMPLE LOGIC DICTATES WHY SO MANY
6 OF THESE SOCIETAL OFFENDERS HIDE OR RESIDE IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS
7 BECAUSE THERE IS NO POLICE FORCE AT ALL. NOW, LAKEWOOD--
8 SORRY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFFS DO PATROL BUT THEY--
9 ACTUALLY, HAWAIIAN GARDENS HAS NO POLICE FORCE OF ITS OWN SO
10 IT HAS BECOME...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THEY'RE A CONTRACT CITIES, SO THEY CONTRACT
13 WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
14 IS THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

15

16 **SUSAN LYNCH:** EXACTLY. OKAY. THANK YOU. IT DOES TAKE TIME,
17 HOWEVER, FOR THEM TO GET OUT THERE AND OFTENTIMES,
18 UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE BRIDGE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE
19 COMMITTED CRIMES IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS HAVE ESCAPED AND USED
20 THAT BRIDGE AS A THOROUGHFARE. SO WE'RE SAYING TO OURSELVES,
21 WHAT BETTER ODDS WOULD A PROFESSIONAL CRIMINAL HAVE EXCEPT TO
22 USE THAT PARTICULAR BRIDGE? I DID WANT TO SHOW YOU LAST WEEK
23 IN OUR PAPER, THE PRESS TELEGRAM IN LONG BEACH, IT TALKED
24 ABOUT OUR BRIDGE AS BEING A BRIDGE THAT'S A DIVIDER, NOT A
25 UNITER. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT, AS A COMMUNITY OF HAWAIIAN



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1 GARDENS, LONG BEACH, LOS ALAMITOS AND CYPRESS, WE ARE
2 ABSOLUTELY UNITED AND CONCERNED FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR
3 THEIR SAFETY. WE'VE UNITED TOGETHER WITH RESIDENTS IN ALL
4 THOSE AREAS TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS
5 BRIDGE TAKEN DOWN AND WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT A PROPOSAL THAT'S IN
6 THE WORKS TO ENHANCE A BIKE PATH FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HAWAIIAN
7 GARDENS. WE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THAT AND WE THINK IT'S A
8 VERY GOOD USE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS, ESPECIALLY WITH THE LIMITED
9 RESOURCE GOVERNMENT HAS THESE DAYS. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL
10 CONSIDER INVESTING IN THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11
12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. JUST A LITTLE HISTORY FOR MY
13 COLLEAGUES. THIS PARTICULAR BRIDGE WAS BUILT BACK IN THE '60S
14 AND IT WAS JUST REALLY A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO ALLOW STUDENTS
15 BACK AND FORTH WHEN THEY-- TO ACCESS A SCHOOL THAT IS NO
16 LONGER NEEDED AND THEN THEY DEVELOPED THE BUS SYSTEM, SO THIS
17 BRIDGE IS NO LONGER NEEDED. SO WE'RE WORKING AT ELIMINATING
18 THE BRIDGE AND CREATING A BIKE PATH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE
19 CANAL. SO THE PROBLEM IS AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IS THE
20 BRIDGE HAS BEEN LOCKED FOR TWO YEARS BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
21 THEY JUST QUICK DEEDED IT TO THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS SO
22 WE'RE DEALING WITH THAT ISSUE, TO KEEP IT LOCKED UNTIL-- ALSO,
23 THERE HAS BEEN AN INSPECTION BY PUBLIC WORKS WHERE IT SAYS
24 THIS BRIDGE, BEFORE IT'S EVEN OPENED AGAIN FOR A SHORT PERIOD
25 OF TIME OR IF AT ALL, NEEDS REPAIR. SO WE ARE WORKING WITH THE



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1 NEIGHBORS. THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB IN BRINGING EVERYONE
2 TOGETHER ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER THERE. SO WE APPRECIATE
3 THAT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **CORINA MADINYA:** MY NAME IS CORINA MADINYA AND I'M GLAD TO BE
8 HERE WITH YOU. I KNOW YOU HAVE TO HAVE A LOT OF TIREDNESS AT
9 THIS TIME AND I BEG YOUR PATIENCE. THIS IS A LETTER, A
10 PERSONAL LETTER, THAT SAYS, TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DEAR
11 SIR OR MADAMS, I HAVE GONE VOLUNTEERED GOING DOOR TO DOOR
12 GATHERING SIGNATURES FOR RESIDENTS FROM LONG BEACH, HAWAIIAN
13 GARDENS, CYPRESS AND LOS ALAMITOS. THESE RESIDENTS I SPOKE TO
14 WERE VERY MUCH TO THE CLOSURE OR DESTRUCTION OF THE CREEK FOOT
15 BRIDGE. IT IS VERY DANGEROUS, OLD, UNKEMPT AND UNREINFORCED
16 STRUCTURE WHICH DOES NOT MEET CODE. IT WAS DECLARED
17 SUBSTANDARD IN 2002. THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE BRIDGE ALSO FIND
18 IT TO BE A NUISANCE AND IT IS A PLACE LITTERED WITH GRAFFITI
19 AND GARBAGE. DURING MY VISIT, THE LOCAL RESIDENTS STATED THAT
20 THEY ARE ALSO WILLING TO COOPERATE TO FOUND THE DEMOLITION OF
21 THE BRIDGE. WHO LIKES THE FOOT BRIDGE? THAT BRIDGE JUST NORTH,
22 LINCOLN OVERPASS AND SOUTH BOULDER OVERPASS HAVE BEEN
23 RETROFITTED AND MEET EARTHQUAKE STANDARDS. THEY ARE ALSO MOST
24 COMMONLY USED BY BIKERS AND JOGGERS, SUCH AS MY FAMILY, AS
25 THERE IS EASIER AND UN-DESTRUCTIVE ASSET TO BOTH SIDES OF THE



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1 RIVER WASH TRAIL ALONG COYOTE CREEK. DURING HEAVY RAIN, THE
2 FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCKS THE GATE OVER THE WASH PAST THIS AREA TO
3 PREVENT CHILDREN AND OTHERS FROM FALLING INTO THE WASH. IT'S A
4 VERY DANGEROUS AREA, ESPECIALLY DURING THE INCLEMENT WEATHER.
5 IT IS EASY TO SLIP DOWN THE SIDE AND INTO THE WASH. THE PLAN
6 FROM THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS IS TO REOPEN THE BRIDGE AS A
7 BIKE TRAIL. THIS IS A BAD IDEA, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE ARE TWO
8 SOUND AND RETROFITTED BRIDGES TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. CHILDREN
9 AND PEDESTRIANS COULD EASILY BE HURT BY BIKERS OR, WORSE, FALL
10 INTO THE WASH DURING RAIN. OUR FAMILY THAT-- ONE FAMILY THAT
11 WE DISCOVERED IN THE COUNTRY SQUARE TRACT DOES HAVE TWO
12 CHILDREN ATTENDING HAWAIIAN GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE
13 WILL NOT ALLOW HER CHILDREN ON THE DANGEROUS BRIDGE. SHE TAKES
14 THEM TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY BY CAR. SHE OPPOSES THE BRIDGE TO BE
15 OPEN. I ESPECIALLY HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THE AREA BY HAWAIIAN
16 GARDENS ENTRANCE AREA OF THE FOOT BRIDGE. MY FRIENDS CAN
17 ATTEST THAT THEY DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING A BRIDGE OPEN
18 BECAUSE THEY ARE ALSO THINKING ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S SAFETY.
19 THEY ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED KNOWING THAT THAT SCHOOL IS NEXT
20 TO THE BRIDGE AND THE CHILDREN CAN ACCESS THE WASH BY THE 226
21 STREET AND WOODSON ENTRANCE. I SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND
22 MONEY IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS AREA AND PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES
23 DAILY. I SPEND TIME WITH MY FRIENDS IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS. I DO
24 NOT APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS BY MR. DAVID MONTGOMERY, CERRITOS
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, THAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE



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1 PREJUDICED AGAINST THE HAWAIIAN GARDEN NEIGHBORS AND THAT IS
2 SOLE REASON WE WANT THE BRIDGE CLOSED. I AM A VERY CONCERNED
3 GRANDMOTHER OF SEVEN YOUNG GRANDKIDS WHO RESIDE AND VISIT MY
4 HOME, WHICH IS AGAINST THE COYOTE CREEK WASH. MY CONCERN IS
5 FOR THE SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF ALL RESIDENTS ON BOTH SIDES
6 OF THE WASH. SINCERELY, CORINA MADINYA.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10 **CORINA MADINYA:** RESIDENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COUNCIL.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES. THANK YOU. YES, SIR?

13

14 **CORINA MADINYA:** AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I WANT TO HAVE
15 SOME PERSONAL LETTERS FROM ALL THE RESIDENTS AND ALSO
16 SIGNATURES OF ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT HAVE SIGNED. I WANT TO
17 LEAVE IT HERE FOR THE RECORDS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK THIS AFTERNOON.
22 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU ALL TO
23 EXPEDITE THE MASTER PLAN THAT YOU HAVE ADOPTED FOR THE SAN
24 GABRIEL WATERSHED CONCERNING COYOTE CREEK AND ONE OF THE
25 THINGS WAS TO REMOVE THE BRIDGE. IT'S NO LONGER NEEDED FOR THE



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1 PURPOSE THAT IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT FOR, IT'S NO LONGER SAFE.
2 IT REALLY IS NOTHING BUT A HAZARD AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SEE
3 THAT THING GO.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO SEE WHAT CAN BE
6 DONE. YES, MA'AM?

7

8 **JANENE GERL:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR HEARING ME.
9 MY NAME IS JANENE GERL AND WITH ME TODAY IS ONE OF MY HIGH
10 SCHOOL CHILDREN, BRONSON GERL, WHOM I BROUGHT ALONG SO HE CAN
11 OBSERVE FIRSTHAND GOVERNMENT IN ACTION. I KNOW THIS BRIDGE,
12 L.A. COUNTY BRIDGE 1530 WHICH SPANS COYOTE CREEK AND LONG
13 BEACH HAS BEEN BEFORE SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF NOT THE WHOLE
14 BOARD, MANY TIMES IN THE PAST. THERE'S A REASON YOU HAVEN'T
15 HEARD ABOUT IT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. THAT'S BECAUSE, OUT OF
16 CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, CHILDREN AND THE
17 PUBLIC IN GENERAL, ABC SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT GARY
18 SMUTS HAD THE GATES PERMANENTLY LOCKED. NOW THE SCHOOL
19 DISTRICT, UNDER LEGAL COUNSEL, HAS QUOTE GOTTEN OUT OF THE
20 BRIDGE BUSINESS, END QUOTE. THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD ARE
21 STILL SUPPORTIVE THAT THE BRIDGE REMAIN LOCKED BUT, OUT OF
22 CONCERN OVER LIABILITY, WANTED TO MAKE IT ABUNDANT LEGALLY
23 CLEAR THAT THEY DON'T OWN IT, NEVER HAVE AND, IF ANYONE THINKS
24 THEY MAY HAVE, WELL, THEY QUIT CLAIMED ANY INTEREST TO
25 HAWAIIAN GARDENS. SAID ONE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AT THE MEETING,



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1 QUOTE, THIS IS STUPID, WE'RE GIVING AWAY SOMETHING WE SAY WE
2 DON'T OWN. END QUOTE. ALL THAT ASIDE, THE BOARD DID VOTE 4-TO-
3 3 TO QUITCLAIM. SO WHY ARE WE HERE? IN THE SHORT TERM, ONE, WE
4 ARE ASKING THIS BOARD TO IMMEDIATELY AUTHORIZE COUNTY LOCKS TO
5 BE PLACED ON THE BRIDGE GATES IN LIEU OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
6 FUTURE NONINVOLVEMENT. TWO, LONG-TERM, WE ARE HERE TO HEARTILY
7 SUPPORT A PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH THE BRIDGE AND OPEN THE BIKE
8 TRAIL ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CREEK FOR THE GOOD CITIZENS OF
9 HAWAIIAN GARDENS TO BE ABLE TO LINK INTO THE TRAIL. EVEN
10 BEFORE THE WEST SIDE TRAIL COULD BE MADE READY, THERE IS
11 ACCESS TO THE TRAIL AT CARSON LINCOLN STREET AND AT WARDLOW
12 BALL. THAT'S WHERE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AS WELL, CAN ACCESS THE
13 TRAIL. THIS BRIDGE IS INHERENTLY UNSAFE. LET ME SAY THAT
14 AGAIN. INHERENTLY UNSAFE. WHILE THE IMMEDIATE CONCERNS OF
15 BROKEN FENCING, CRACKS, RUST, LACK OF EARTHQUAKE RETROFITTING,
16 NO LIGHTING WHATSOEVER, OUR URGENT CONCERNS THAT IN THEMSELVES
17 SHOULD KEEP LOCKS ON FOR NOW A MORE SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN IS
18 THERE. THE BRIDGE IS ISOLATED AND REMOTE. IT CONNECTS MY AND
19 MY NEIGHBOR'S BACKYARDS TO THE BACK OF A SCHOOL. THERE'S NO
20 PUBLIC SURVEILLANCE. IT'S INCONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT TO PATROL AND MONITOR. IT'S LIKE A PERFECT STORM.
22 IT'S A GATEWAY FOR CRIME. IT'S USED TO COMMIT CRIMES AND EVADE
23 POLICE PURSUITS. FOUR SEPARATE POLICE AGENCIES, L.A. SHERIFF,
24 LONG BEACH, LOS ALAMITOS AND CYPRESS POLICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE
25 ALL TESTIFIED TO THIS IN THE PAST. PERSONALLY, WHEN OUR HOME



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1 WAS HAVING WORK DONE, MY NEIGHBOR WATCHED OUR BAND SAW GO UP
2 AND OVER THE BACKYARD FENCE AND MARCH ACROSS THE BRIDGE. MOST
3 RECENTLY, MY NINE-YEAR-OLD SON WAS APPROACHED AND SOLICITED BY
4 A MAN ON THE SIDEWALK GESTURING AND SAYING REPEATEDLY, "COME
5 HERE". FORTUNATELY, HE RAN INTO A NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE AND THEN
6 THEY WATCHED THE MAN HOP THE FENCE AND GO UP TO THE BRIDGE. A
7 POLICE REPORT WAS FILED BUT THE MAN WAS NEVER CAUGHT TO
8 QUESTION. ONE CLOSING THOUGHT. THE DEMOLITION OF THIS BRIDGE
9 IS ABOUT CRIME AND SAFETY. FOR ANYONE TO SAY OTHERWISE IS
10 DISINGENUOUS. OVER THE 12 YEARS I'VE LIVED HERE, I'VE
11 PERSONALLY SHOPPED AND PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES IN HAWAIIAN
12 GARDENS. TO NAME A FEW: HOME BASE, HENRY'S SHOES, MCDONALD'S,
13 JACK IN THE BOX, LITTLE CAESAR'S, THE 99 CENT STORE, BIG RAY'S
14 AUTO, GUN ANTIQUES, HOLA'S ANTIQUES, JULIAN'S TORTILLA RIA AND
15 TACO SAN PEDRO AND I DIDN'T USE THE BRIDGE TO DO SO. IN
16 CLOSING DOWN THIS BRIDGE, WE'RE NOT ISOLATING COMMUNITIES,
17 WE'RE SHUTTING DOWN A GATEWAY USED FOR CRIME. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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21 **TAMMY SCHAUB:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
22 TAMMY SCHAUB AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. I AM GOING TO
23 READ YOU A LETTER FROM THE BLOOMFIELD MOBILE HOME PARK THAT I
24 WOULD LIKE PUT INTO RECORD. THE RESIDENTS OF THE MOBILE HOME
25 PARK WERE UNABLE TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU AS THEY ARE MOSTLY



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1 SENIOR CITIZENS AND THEY NO LONGER TRAVEL FAR FROM HOME, AND
2 THIS IS THE LETTER DATED OCTOBER 24TH, 2006 TO THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SUBJECT: THE COYOTE CREEK BRIDGE.
4 WE LIVE IN BLOOMFIELD MOBILE HOME PARK, WHICH IS LOCATED ON A
5 STRIP OF UNINCORPORATED LAND IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
6 A STONE'S THROW AWAY FROM THE CITIES OF CYPRESS, HAWAIIAN
7 GARDENS AND LONG BEACH. THE COYOTE BREEK BRIDGE IS ALSO VERY
8 CLOSE TO OUR HOME. WE ARE CONSIDERED RESIDENTS OF HAWAIIAN
9 GARDENS. WE PAY PROPERTY TAX TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE LENGTH
10 OF OUR PARK RUNS ALONGSIDE COYOTE CREEK. THE BRIDGE IN
11 QUESTION CONNECTS TWO RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND IS STRICTLY FOR
12 PEDESTRIANS. IT IS AN OLD, UNUSED SPAN THAT SHOULD BE
13 DEMOLISHED. BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN LOCKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE
14 IDEA OF HAVING A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE THAT LEADS INTO THE
15 BACKYARDS OF HOMEOWNERS IS CERTAINLY ILL CONCEIVED. WHO WOULD
16 WANT STRANGERS COMING THAT CLOSE TO CHILDREN AT PLAY? A
17 PETITION AGAINST REOPENING THIS OLD BRIDGE WAS CIRCULATED A
18 FEW DAYS AGO AND, IN OUR MOBILE HOME PARK, WE OBTAINED
19 SIGNATURES FROM 97% OF THE RESIDENTS. THIS IS UNHEARD OF
20 PERCENTAGE. WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE
21 THAT WE BELIEVE IS UNSAFE IN MANY WAYS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
22 TIME AND THE SIGNATURES ARE ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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1 **CATHY LUKEHART:** HI. MY NAME IS CATHY LUKEHART AND THANK YOU
2 FOR HEARING US. THIS IS JUST A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE PEOPLE
3 THAT CAME TO THE ABC SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WHEN THE SCHOOL
4 DISTRICT WAS DEBATING WHETHER OR NOT TO QUITCLAIM ANY
5 INTEREST, IF THEY HAD ANY INTEREST, TO THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN
6 GARDENS, SO THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT. WE'RE ESSENTIALLY
7 HERE IMPLORING YOUR HELP. WE WANT YOU TO RECOGNIZE THAT YOU
8 HAVE CONTROL RIGHTS OVER THE BRIDGE AND WE WANT YOU TO
9 EXERCISE THEM TO PREVENT THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS TO
10 PREVENT THE CITY COUNCIL FROM OPENING THE BRIDGE, WHICH HAS
11 BEEN CLOSED FOR I BELIEVE THREE YEARS. AND THEN TO DEMOLISH
12 THE BRIDGE. AND DR. SMUTS, WHO IS THE ABC SUPERINTENDENT,
13 PROVING THAT NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED, WHEN WE IMploRED
14 HIS HELP, HE CLOSED THE BRIDGE AND, BECAUSE HE PHYSICALLY
15 LOCKED THE BRIDGE, PEOPLE POINTED THE FINGER AT HIM SAYING OH,
16 LOOK, ABC OWNS THE BRIDGE, HENCE HIS REASON FOR THE QUITCLAIM
17 TO HAWAIIAN GARDENS. WE BELIEVE THAT IT'S L.A. COUNTY'S ISSUE
18 AND, JUST FOR THE RECORD, I'D LIKE A COPY OF THE 1965 EASEMENT
19 DEED ENTERED, IF POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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23 **CATHY LUKEHART:** AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE YOU PHOTOGRAPHS
24 JUST FOR REFERENCE IN CASE YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE.
25 THIS IS THE WEST SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. I WENT OVER THERE



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1 YESTERDAY TO TAKE PICTURES. I WOULD LIKE THESE PUT IN THE
2 RECORD, TOO, PLEASE, SIR. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DERRICK MORRIS, HAROLD RAY AND SHAWN
5 FLODEL.

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7 **CATHY LUKEHART:** ANYWAY, WHEN I WAS IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS, I
8 WANTED TO ASK SOME OF THE HOMEOWNERS THERE WHAT THEY THOUGHT
9 AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE WOMAN WHO WAS READILY AVAILABLE TO
10 SPEAK WITH ME AND I SAID, "HAVE YOU HEARD THAT PEOPLE WANT TO
11 REOPEN THE BRIDGE?" AND SHE INDICATED SHE HASN'T HEARD OF ANY
12 GROUNDWELL TO REOPEN THE BRIDGE BUT SHE HAD HEARD OF A
13 GROUNDWELL TO STOP THE OPENING OF THE BRIDGE. SHE BELIEVED IT
14 WAS BASED ON RACISM BUT SHE SAID, "LOOK, PEOPLE ARE SAYING IN
15 OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE THINK IT'S BASED ON RACISM," BUT SHE
16 GOES, "I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D DO IT. TWO HOUSES FROM THE
17 BRIDGE," SHE SAID, "THERE'S A HOUSE WHERE THEY SELL DRUGS UP
18 ON THE FLOOD CONTROL NEAR THE OPENING OF THE BRIDGE. NOW THE
19 BRIDGE IS CLOSED SO WE'RE HOPING THAT NOBODY CLIMBS ON TOP OF
20 THE BRIDGE, ALTHOUGH THAT HAS HAPPENED." SHE SAYS, "I
21 UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, IT'S A DANGEROUS PLACE. A DEPUTY WAS
22 SHOT AND KILLED HERE TWO YEARS AGO, NOT ONLY DID THEY TAKE THE
23 HAWAIIAN GARDENS SITE AND INUNDATE THEM WITH PATROL CARS BUT
24 THEY CAME TO THE BRIDGE ON THE LONG BEACH SIDE AND PUT PATROL
25 CARS THERE BECAUSE IT IS AN ESCAPE ROUTE." AND MY HUSBAND,



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1 WHEN HE PATROLLED LAKEWOOD, HE'S A DEPUTY, WELL, NOW HE'S A
2 DETECTIVE BUT, WHEN HE PATROLLED LAKEWOOD, THERE WAS ONE
3 NIGHT, I WOULD SAY IT WAS PROBABLY FIVE YEARS AGO, THE LIQUOR
4 STORE AT THE END OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WAS HIT THREE TIMES IN
5 THE TIME SPAN OF FOUR NIGHTS AND EVERY SINGLE TIME THEY
6 ESCAPED BECAUSE OF THE BRIDGE. AND SO REALLY THE ROLE OF
7 GOVERNMENT, WHAT IS THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT? IT'S THE
8 PROTECTION OF ITS CITIZENS AND WHEN YOU BALANCE THE INTERESTS
9 OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR HAWAIIAN GARDENS AGAINST THE INTERESTS
10 OF THE LONG BEACH RESIDENTS AND THE CYPRESS RESIDENTS REALLY
11 YOU NEED TO ERR ON THE SIDE OF US, SO I HOPE YOU HAVE THE
12 COURAGE TO CHOOSE PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE OVER BASELESS
13 ALLEGATIONS OF RACISM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE
16 RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

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18 **DR. DERRICK MORRIS:** MY NAME IS DR. DERRICK MORRIS AND I HAVE
19 FOUR POINTS I'LL TRY TO MAKE HERE. AND THE FIRST ONE IS RATS,
20 DOWNTOWN L.A., THE RATS ARE-- IT'S A PROBLEM. WE NEED TO TRY
21 OTHER WAYS OF ELIMINATING THEM. POISON, THEY SNIFF IT OUT AND
22 THEY DON'T EAT THE POISON THE NEXT DAY SO-- THEN HOMELESSNESS.
23 I'M NOT SURE IF THE COUNTY IS ON AND HELPING OUT WITH A
24 HOMELESS SOLUTION BUT MAYBE SOME BUILDINGS AND SOME LANDS
25 COULD, YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO HELP OUT IN THE HOMELESS



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1 SITUATION. NOW, I HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL PLAN. I'VE
2 RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR, TO THE MAYOR, TO THE CITY OF LOS
3 ANGELES AND SO ON. THE ROADS, THE SEWERS, BRIDGES, WE NEED AN
4 ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL AND I'M RECOMMENDING THAT WE CAN RAISE
5 MONEY, INSTEAD OF BONDS, WE COULD SORT OF TAX VEHICLES, \$10 A
6 MONTH TO DRIVE YOUR CAR AROUND TO PARK IT, MAYBE COME UP WITH
7 SOME CONCESSION TO PARKING TIMES. AND THIS WOULDN'T BE
8 NECESSARILY ONE BOND MONEY BUT THIS WOULD BE PERPETUAL MONEY,
9 WE CAN JUST KEEP FIXING AND BUILDING THE ENVIRONMENT. LASTLY,
10 I'VE HAD-- I'VE BEEN TO JAIL, THE SECOND TIME IN MY LIFE, IN
11 PALMDALE HERE. THERE WAS-- MY VEHICLE'S PROBLEM, LIGHTS WAS
12 ON, I SHOWED THE DEPUTY MY LICENSE AND IT ENDED UP ESCALATING
13 UNTIL HE TOOK ME TO JAIL, ON RESISTING ARREST. HE WAS ASKING
14 ME QUESTIONS, BASICALLY, NOT RELEVANT TO THE ISSUE OF WHY MY
15 VEHICLE HAS NOT THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH I HAD IN MY VEHICLE
16 AND I GAVE IT TO HIM. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THIS, THAT I
17 HAD A TEMPORARY OPERATING PERMIT IN MY VEHICLE. THIS DEPUTY
18 WALKS INTO MY VEHICLE. I SAID, "DON'T SEARCH MY VEHICLE." SHE
19 WALKS INTO MY VEHICLE, GOES, TAKES THIS TAG OFF, OPERATOR,
20 PUTS IT IN HER POCKET AND SAYS, "LOOK, YOUR VEHICLE DOESN'T
21 HAVE A OPERATING PERMIT, I'M GOING TO IMPOUND THIS VEHICLE."
22 AND SHE TAKES MY VEHICLE TO THE IMPOUND. NOW, THE NEXT DAY, I
23 GO TO RECOVER MY VEHICLE AND THE OFFICER IS GOING TO TELL ME,
24 WELL, I'VE BEEN TALKING BAD STUFF TO ALL THESE GUYS, YOU KNOW,
25 FUNDRAISING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OR WHATEVER WITH JUSTICE AND SO



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1 ON AND SO FORTH, SO SOMEBODY MUST HAVE STOLEN IT. SO THE WATCH
2 COMMANDER NOW, HE'S TELLING ME THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED,
3 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET BACK YOUR VEHICLE. I SAID, "WHY, SIR?
4 YOU TOOK MY VEHICLE ON 22651, WHICH IS ILLEGAL BECAUSE I HAD
5 MY OPERATING PERMIT. THEY SEIZE IT AND THEN SHE TAKE MY
6 VEHICLE AWAY." I SAID, "SIR, LOOK, THIS SAYS THAT AS LONG AS I
7 BRING MY OPERATING PERMIT, A NEW ONE, AND I PAY \$93, YOU NEED
8 TO RELEASE MY VEHICLE." SO THIS DEPUTY, TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL
9 THAT I WAS KIND OF RESISTING ARREST, SHE ASKED ME TO SIGN SOME
10 BOOKING DOCUMENTS, SO I SAID, "COULD I READ IT?" SHE DOESN'T
11 WANT ME TO READ IT. SO SHE SAYS, "YOU REFUSE TO SIGN THIS" SO,
12 YOU KNOW, SHE IS GOING TO NOW SHOW THAT HERE'S A REASON WHY,
13 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO TAKE YOU TO JAIL BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT
14 COOPERATING WITH US. BUT I THINK THAT MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
15 WERE VIOLATED THERE AND THAT THEY THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH
16 ME. I WASN'T IN THE VEHICLE, I WAS IN WORK SOURCE AND I CAME,
17 I SAY, "IS THERE A PROBLEM, CAN I HELP YOU?" I SHOWED THEM MY
18 LICENSE, THE VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE, THEN HE WANTED MY LICENSE,
19 THEN HE ASKED ME IF I'M ON PROBATION, ON PAROLE AND READY TO
20 SEARCH MY VEHICLE AND CAN HE SEARCH ME. I SAID, "NO, NO, NO,
21 NO, NO." THERE YOU GO. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I CAN'T
22 PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME, BUT I'M FROM YOUR DISTRICT AND I LEARNED
23 YOU'RE A VERY ILLUSTRIOUS PERSON. I'D LIKE TO WORK WITH YOU ON
24 SOME OF THE FIRST THREE ISSUES, I WISH IF IT COULD BECOME
25 OFFICIAL BUSINESS THAT WE COULD LOOK AT THE RATS, YOU KNOW,



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1 HELPING OUT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE HOMELESSNESS. I WISH
2 THAT I COULD TALK WITH YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

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6 **SPEAKER:** DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS, I KNOW HE WAS TALKING
7 ABOUT THE HOMELESS AND, OF COURSE, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE
8 HOMELESS FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS, EIGHT YEARS, IN FACT. WHAT
9 WE'RE CONCERNED WITH IS THAT THERE'S A FUNDING OPT NOW FOR TO
10 HELP FOR THE HOMELESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT A BID IN TO GET
11 SOME FUNDING TO DO OUR OPERATION. THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT
12 IN THE LETTERS THAT ARE THERE. THE FUNDING WILL BE USED TO GO
13 TO THE COURTS AND WORK WITH THEM ON THE COURTS. I UNDERSTAND
14 THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PUT A NEW COURT IN FOR THE HOMELESS
15 THERE AT LANCASTER AND WE WANT TO SEE THAT THEY FOLLOW THE
16 CONSTITUTION. THE CONSTITUTION IS VERY IMPORTANT. SO THIS IS
17 WHY WE'RE ASKING FOR THIS FUNDING. WE'RE LAW ENFORCEMENT,
18 WE'RE BOUNTY LICENSE RECOVERY, INCORPORATED, AND WE HAVE A
19 501(C)3 AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE CONCERNED. WE'D LIKE TO TRY TO
20 GET SOME FUNDING IN ORDER TO FULFILL OUR WORK AT WHAT WE'RE
21 DOING. MAINLY, THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE, WE WERE DOWN IN
22 BEVERLY HILLS FOR A HOMELESS LADY DOWN THERE AND, IN FACT, I
23 WENT INTO COURT WITH HER AND SHE GOT IT KICKED OUT OF COURT,
24 IT WAS AN INFRACTION, THEY DROPPED IT TO AN INFRACTION AND
25 THEN LET HER GO. ANOTHER INTERESTING ONE WAS WHEN WE WERE DOWN



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1 IN LOS ANGELES, HOLLYWOOD AND FOR THE LADY THAT WAS DOWN
2 THERE, WE TURNED AROUND AND GOT CREATIVE WITH HER THROUGH REAL
3 COWBOYS AND SO WE WERE CONCERNED WITH THE THINGS THAT SHE WAS
4 BEING DONE BY THE OFFICERS THAT ARE L.A.P.D. AND SO WE WENT
5 DOWN TO HELP HER OUT DOWN THERE IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD AND SO
6 THERE'S DIFFERENCE ONES, WE HAVE OTHERS, EVEN FOR PARKS, FOR
7 HIS GRANDDAUGHTER. WE WENT DOWN THERE ON HER MURDER. WE HAD
8 OUR CASKET DOWN AND WHICH WE HAD THE CASKET OUT FRONT HERE.
9 THE CASKET WAS DOWN THERE AND, EIGHT DAYS LATER, THEY TURNED
10 AROUND AND GOT THE MURDERER FOR PARKS' GRANDDAUGHTER AND SO WE
11 ARE WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE'RE TRYING TO HELP
12 STRAIGHTEN OUT LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN THEY'RE NOT FOLLOWING THE
13 CONSTITUTION AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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17 **SHAWN FLOYD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHAWN
18 FLOYD AND I'M HERE TO ASK A QUESTION IN REGARDS TO KING/DREW
19 MEDICAL CENTER. IF THERE IS PROPER FUNDING IN PLACE BY THE
20 30TH OF NOVEMBER, OR MAYBE 30 DAYS AFTER THAT DEADLINE, WOULD
21 YOU BE IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING A PLAN TO REVITALIZE KING/DREW
22 WITH THE PROPER FUNDING WITH DR. CHERNOF STILL IN CHARGE OF
23 THE OPERATIONS? I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, IF THE MONEY IS THERE ON
24 THE TABLE, WOULD YOU BE IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING A PLAN THAT
25 WOULD KEEP KING/DREW SOLVENT AND NOT HAVE IT...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AT THIS TIME, THE BOARD'S POSITION IS
3 TO PROCEED WITH THE LETTER TO THE C.M.S., WHICH HAS BEEN SENT.
4 IF C.M.S. REPLIES IN THE NEGATIVE, THEN ALL OPTIONS ARE ON THE
5 TABLE. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM AND WITH THE LETTER FROM
6 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THIS WEEK, IT INDICATES THAT C.M.S. WILL
7 BE GOING ALONG WITH THE REFORMS, BUT IT-- IT'S CONTINGENT UPON
8 THE C.M.S. REPLY. WE HAVE UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER.

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10 **SHAWN FLOYD:** OKAY. I'VE SPOKEN TO C.M.S. ALSO AND THEY TOLD ME
11 THAT DR. CHERNOF, OF MY INTENTIONS AND THEY SAID, WELL, IF THE
12 FUNDING IS THERE, AS LONG AS YOU'RE WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS AND DR. CHERNOF, WE WOULDN'T BE OPPOSED TO
14 SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IF THERE WAS PROPER FUNDING, YOU KNOW, ON
15 THE TABLE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** "IF..."

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19 **SHAWN FLOYD:** AND THAT'S THE OPERATIVE WORD.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT NOW, THE BOARD IS WAITING FOR
22 C.M.S.'S REPLY TO THE LETTER, THEN WE'LL TAKE ACTION AT THAT
23 TIME.

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1 **SHAWN FLOYD:** OKAY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK AND TRY TO
2 REVISIT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR. WE'RE GOING
5 TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, PERSONNEL AND...

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
9 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,
10 CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS
11 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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